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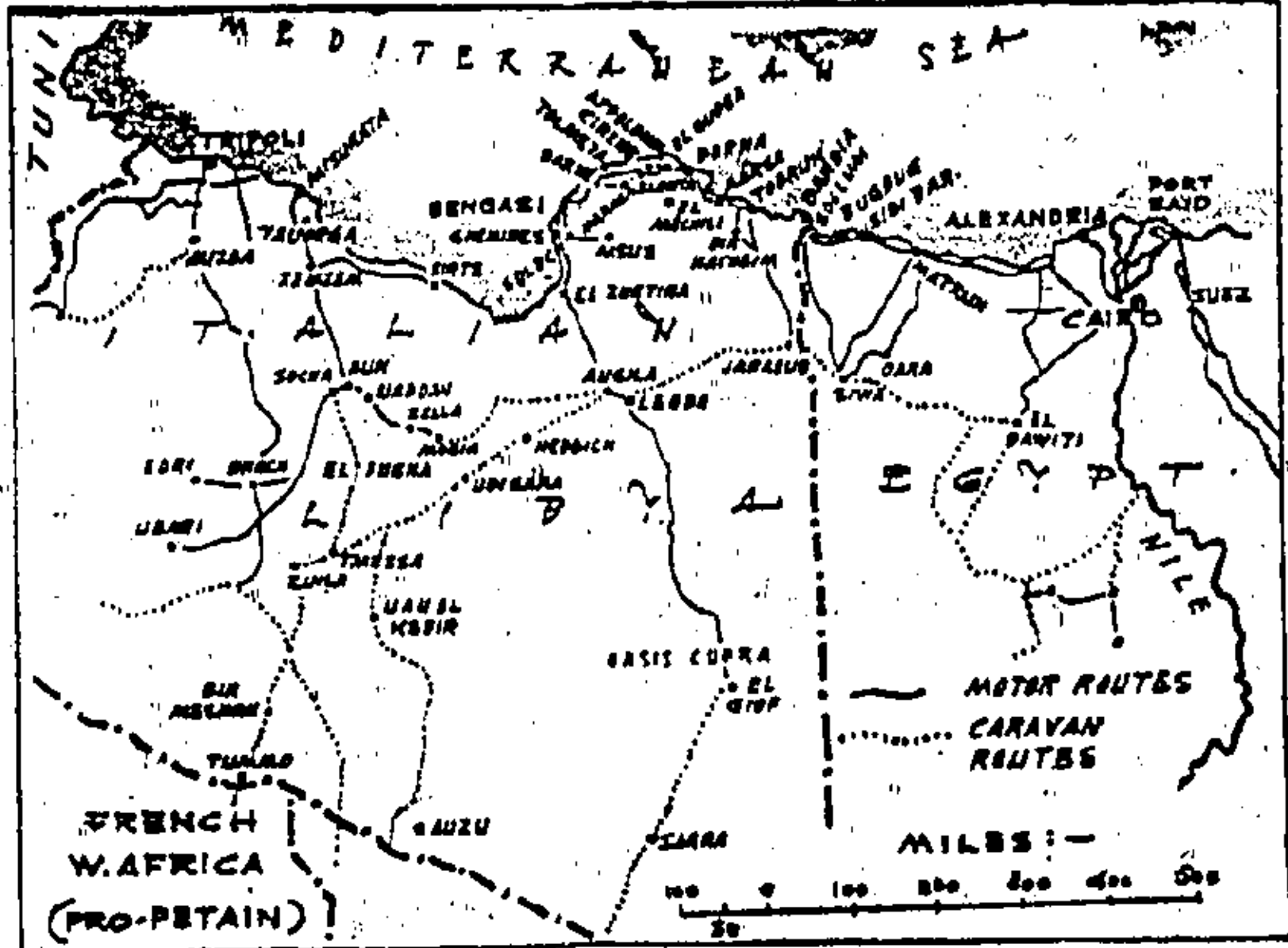
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ITALIANS RETREATING ON EVERY FRONT: BRITISH GUNNERS KEEP UP THE SHELLING OF TOBRUK IN PREPARATION FOR FINAL ASSAULT

THE ITALIANS ARE RETREATING ON EVERY FRONT IN WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF NEWS COMES IN A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA WHICH STATES THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR BASE AT BUNA WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE A GREAT BLOW TO THE WHOLE ITALIAN POSITION.

A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN LIBYA STATES THAT ITALIAN ARTILLERY FIRE FROM TOBRUK HAS SLACKENED AND THE BRITISH GUNNERS ARE KEEPING UP A CONTINUAL SHELLING IN PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL ASSAULT.

The aim of the British gunners was deadly. Their shells poured into the town and many hits were obtained on the wells from which the Italian garrison obtains its water.



British and Australian bomber squadrons have been in action over Italian air bases 30 miles beyond Tobruk and several of them are reported to be clear of enemy aircraft except for planes which have been rendered unserviceable by the British bombs.

Throughout all these raids the Royal Air Force met with little Italian resistance and between Thursday and Saturday last five enemy planes were shot down.

While the main action centres round Tobruk a whole Italian division has been isolated at Jaragub, 150 miles south of Bardia.

The authorities in Cairo say it is only a question of time before this garrison surrenders.

NOTHING TO FEAR

A military expert, commenting on the situation in Libya, says that Marshal Graziani does not comprehend mechanised warfare.

"General Wavell's army," he says, "has nothing to fear from Italian resistance if he does not allow the enemy a moment's rest. It is too much to expect that every turn will produce a Sidi Barrani or a Bardia but there is no doubt that the Italian collapse will wreck the German plan of campaign for 1941. The plight of the Italians is rapidly approaching the plight of the Abyssinians in 1936."

The next line of communication for the Italian front is 30 miles further north.

In the meantime, Tepelini is stated to be now placed in a very precarious situation and the fall of the town is expected shortly, according to an Australian message.

In view of the strategic importance of Tepelini, it is learned that the Italian military authorities have ordered that every one in ten men who are found retreating will be shot.

NO HEART TO DEFEND
Greek reports say that judging from the prisoners taken, the Italians are in a miserable condition and appeared to have no heart to defend Albania.

From these latest operations which came as a surprise to the

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AIR TRAGEDY AT TANGANYIKA

Sixteen members of the South African Air Force were killed in an air crash at Tanganyika when the plane in which they were travelling crashed into a mountain-side, states a London message.

The pilot lost his way in the mist and crashed into a mountain.

FREE STATE OF MAN FROM WAR

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, declared in a broadcast yesterday that the British Government was deeply concerned to ensure that the free state of man emerges from this war.

"Britain will not tolerate the spectacle of abject poverty. Aggression must be restrained by the combined will of those nations that stand for human justice," he said.

Another Italian General Resigns

A message from Rome at midday yesterday announced the resignation of GENERAL SODDU, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in Albania, states a London message.

He is the third General to have relinquished his appointment and it was added that he would be succeeded by the Italian Chief of Staff, General Cavallero.

General Soddu has been in command for about two months during which period Signor Mussolini lost three of his senior military leaders.

DISGUST FOR DUCE

The official reason given for his resignation is that he requested to be relieved of his appointment for reasons of health, but this latest resignation seems to confirm the disgust which the military and naval leaders in Italy have for Signor Mussolini for having led the country into a war without proper preparations and against the wishes of the people.

General Soddu, who is 57, was Under-Secretary of State for War in 1939. He was appointed C.-in-C. as recently as Nov. 11.

LEASE OR LEND BILL LIKELY TO BE AMENDED BEFORE IT PASSES CONGRESS: OPPOSITION WILL DELAY PASSAGE

Wendell Willkie Going To London Shortly

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LEASE OR LEND BILL IS LIKELY TO BE AMENDED BEFORE IT PASSES CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN REPORTS QUOTED IN A LONDON MESSAGE YESTERDAY.

The opponents of the Bill will probably devote their energies to pressing certain amendments and to delay the passage of the Bill.

The Administration is prepared to agree to certain modifications to get the Bill passed quickly and it is suggested that the wide nature of the original draft was made with this purpose.

There are two main points on which amendments are asked and will be accepted.

Firstly, that Britain should put up some form of security by way of guarantee that the equivalent of material leased or lent shall be returned after the war.

Secondly, to limit the President's wide powers for a certain fixed period which may be two years.

A third point, on which amendment may be sought, is in connection with the provision that British warships should use American naval bases.

The Bill will first go before the House of Representatives.

The new President of the Committee for Aiding the Allies, Mr. Gibson, said yesterday, "The time will come for the people of the United States to prove that they mean what they say when they say that their security depends on the defeat of the aggressor."

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D.M.S. AND CHOLERA STATEMENT

We understand on reliable authority that the Director of Medical Services and the President, Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, are unable to associate themselves with the statement which appeared in an evening contemporary yesterday regarding cholera certificates.

We are informed by the above-mentioned that certain discussions have, in fact, taken place but that the problem has been resolved in a spirit of friendly co-operation to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Japanese Detain Foreign Vessels

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13. (Reuter).—THREE FOREIGN SHIPS were detained by the Japanese during the week-end, according to the China Press.

The Italian steamer Sandro Sandri, which left Shanghai for Haikou, was detained near Wooning in the vicinity of Shanghai and, released several hours later, returned to Shanghai, according to the paper.

The German steamer Kiangting, also bound for Haikou, was detained, searched and later returned to anchorage in Shanghai, states the daily.

PORTUGUESE SHIP
The Portuguese steamer Sinta, en route for Southern ports, was reported detained for several hours in the vicinity of Shanghai.

All three ships are chartered by local companies.

Meanwhile Japanese naval vessels are reported to be concentrating along the Chekiang coast. Chinese sources believe that the Japanese are planning to tighten the blockade.

Several thousand Japanese troops are reported to have landed in Tanghai in the past week while Japanese planes are raiding towns on the Chekiang coast.

THAI FORCES CONTINUING MARCH INTO INDO-CHINA

French Stated Retreating Leaving Equipment

The latest communique issued in Bangkok reports that THAI FORCES are continuing their march into INDO-CHINA TERRITORY and that the army's advance has been supported by the air force.

The French are stated to be retreating leaving arms and equipment and many dead French and native soldiers.

ADML. DECOUX, Governor-General of French Indo-China, claimed that two Thai planes were shot down on Friday, but denies that French planes have threatened to bomb Bangkok.

Reuter reports that eleven Thai planes sent to bomb Siemrat encountered French planes, according to a Thai Consulate communique, adding that in the resulting air fight three French planes were brought down in flames and one Thai plane failed to return.

In the Aranya Prades sector the Thai forces continue to advance, adding that in the resulting air fight three French planes were brought down in flames and one Thai plane failed to return.

GROWING FRICTION
CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—The TAKUNGPAO reports a growing friction between the Japanese and Indo-China authorities as a result of Japanese aid to Thailand in the recent fighting between Thailand and Indo-China.

The paper claims the Indo-China authorities suspended the right granted to the Japanese for the use of Loakay aerodrome in Northern Indo-China.

BUSINESS DUEL
TOKYO, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—A lively Japanese-American business duel with Thailand is forecast for February when the Bangkok Government receives bids for the construction of a 20,000 kilowatt hydro-electric plant in the Upper



SIR FREDERICK PHILLIPS Under-Secretary of the British Treasury, who is in the United States to report to Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., United States Secretary of the Treasury on Great Britain's financial condition.

Germany Has Sent 60,000 Men To Italy Since December

ACCORDING TO AN AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE, GERMANY HAS SENT 60,000 MEN AND 8,000 PLANES TO ITALY SINCE DECEMBER.

Commenting on these reports of troop movements into Italy, and the reported threat to Bulgaria, the Soviet Tass Agency said, "If German troops are moving into Bulgaria these are taking place and will take place without the consent of the Soviet Government, as Germany has not informed the Soviet of its intention to send troops to Bulgaria."

"Bulgaria has not consulted the Soviet Government on the question of these troops and therefore could not have received a reply from the Soviet Government on this subject."

A comment from Turkey quoted in an Australian message states that it was declared at Ankara that if Germany invades Bulgaria Turkey will declare war on the Reich.

PROGRESS BY THE GREEKS NORTH-WEST OF KLISURA

Tepelini Placed In Very Precarious Situation

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ALBANIA REPORTS PROGRESS BY THE GREEKS NORTH-WEST OF KLISURA, states a London message.

This is considered very important as they have got behind Klisura and are well over the road to Berat.

The next line of communication for the Italian front is 30 miles further north.

LUXURY YACHTS AS CLEARING STATION

LONDON, Jan. 13 (BWS).—Luxury land yachts confiscated from Commander Gatti, Italian explorer and publicist, form part of a mobile casualty clearing station, equipped, financed and staffed by the Government and people of the Belgian Congo and presented by them to Britain as an expression of the firm determination to assist in the prosecution of the war against the dictators of Germany and Italy.

Today's News Summary

ANOTHER ITALIAN MILITARY LEADER HAS RESIGNED apparently for reasons of health. He is General Soddu, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in Albania. He is succeeded by Gen. Cavallero, Italian Chief of Staff, which means that the highest Italian General Staff officer has taken personal charge of the campaign in Albania.

LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE ITALIANS are retreating on every front in which they are engaged. The British are continually shelling Tobruk in preparation for the final assault.

FROM ALBANIA COMES NEWS THAT THE GREEK FORCES are making progress north-west of Klisura and Tepelini is reported to be in a precarious situation.

OIL DEPOTS WERE THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS AIMED AT by British bombers in raids over Germany and Italy on Sunday night. The German raiders concentrated on London and the Thames Estuary.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LEND OR LEASE BILL IS LIKELY to be amended by Congress and it is reported that the opposition will delay passage of the Bill.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, unsuccessful Republican candidate in the Presidential election, proposes to make a private visit to England in the near future for a personal survey of the war situation.

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OPENING BATSMEN FOR K.C.C. JUNIORS HIT OUT FOR UNDEFEATED CENTURIES

University's Sensational Win In Senior League

BY "BARNABAS"

THE OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF SATURDAY'S CRICKET WERE THE DEFEAT OF THE INDIAN R.C. BY THE UNIVERSITY in their Senior League match of the season, and the amazing first-wicket partnership of 211 put up by Kenneth Baxter and Tommy Madar for the Kowloon C.C. against the University in a Second Division match. In making this huge stand, (which, probably, is a local record) both batsmen scored centuries; they were still batting when the declaration was made.

A third century was scored in the match between Club and the Royal Scots, Lt. Coombes making a not-out 109. This was not a League match, however.

In the only other Senior League game, Kowloon C.C. had little difficulty in disposing of Craigengower.

I.R.C. SURPRISED

The University who are considered a very weak side (they certainly had a rough time of it last season, finishing somewhere at the bottom of the League) sprang a sensational surprise in their opening League match in the First Division when they beat the Indian R.C. whom they entertained at Pokfulam.

The Indians sent in first and declared at 4 o'clock with their score at 154 for five wickets. To this total A. R. Kitchell's contribution was a fast 45 and A. H. Madar's 39.

The Varsity, thanks to Prof. Ride's timely innings of 66 not out, scored 166 runs for the loss of seven wickets to snatch a fine victory at the expense of a team generally conceded to be superior in every department of the game.

6-WICKET WIN

In the other Senior League match, the Champions (K.C.C.) won by six wickets against Craigengower. Taking first lease of the wicket, Craigengower found themselves hard put to it to score off the bowling of Francis Zimmerman and N. D. Lloyd, both of whom were sending down some pretty hot stuff. With the exception of A. J. Hulise who played a gallant though unavailing innings for 58 not out, the rest of the Craigengower batsmen could not stand up to the K.C.C. attack and were consequently all out for 125.

Francis Zimmerman took four wickets for 21 runs in eleven overs and Lloyd five for 32 in nine. The K.C.C. made the required runs for the loss of only four wickets. Their first three batsmen came off with the bat, Donald Anderson scoring 41, Duggie Hung 23 and Ernie Fincher 47.

POLICE LOSE AGAIN

The Second Division Champions (Police) were again beaten last Saturday. They went down very badly to Recreio, losing by no fewer than 105 runs, although C. Pope accomplished the "hat trick" for them.

Recreio batted first and declared at 155 for 8 wickets. F. J. Remedios made 50 not out, P. M. N. da Silva 32 and A. J. M. Prata 23. Pope captured only three wickets in the course of this match, but he accomplished this feat with successive balls. His victims were Silva, J. Soares and Bertie Gosano. However, the bowler who was most successful for the Police was A. E. Carey who, in thirteen overs, captured 5 wickets for 49 runs.

The failure of the Police to get runs was due to the fact that P. M. N. da Silva was in irresistible form with the ball. He took 8 wickets for 23 runs in six overs, two of which were maidens. The Police batting collapsed, only Carey, H. Tyler and T. Hayward staying long enough to make double figures. They were all out for only 60 runs.

LATE DECLARATION

With the idea of giving Baxter and Madar a chance of reaching the century (which they did, the former scoring 103 not out and the latter 104 not out) the K.C.C. made a late declaration in their Second Division League match against the University at Cox Road on Saturday and thus robbed themselves of the fruit of victory. The declaration was made at 4.10 p.m. with K.C.C. total standing at 211 for no wickets.

With insufficient time at their disposal to knock off the runs, the Varsity adopted (and rightly) cautious tactics and played out time. However, they did not manage to do so until 8 wickets had fallen. In stumps were drawn

they had 111 on the board with two wickets to spare.

EXCITING FINISH

The match at Sookunpoo between the Indian R.C. and Craigengower second strings saw a very exciting finish, the latter snatching an eleventh hour victory.

For this Craigengower had to thank Arthur Hamson, Dizzy Esmaill and U. M. Omar, who, racing against the clock, threw caution to the wind and indulged in an orgy of hitting. They swung the pendulum round in their favour and when stumps were drawn they had won with three wickets in hand.

FRIENDLY MATCH

The friendly match at Chater Road between Club and the Royal Scots was won by the latter, thanks to a fine not-out century by Lt. Coombes. Making first use of the wicket, Club, with the help of contributions of 55 and 46 from C. W. E. Bishop and A. E. Perry respectively, declared at 150 runs for 8 wickets. Bateman was the most successful bowler for the Royal Scots capturing 6 wickets for 41 runs.

In reply the Royal Scots scored 190 runs for 3 wickets to which Coombes contributed 109 not out, Douglass 35 and Emmerson 23 not out.

LADIES TAKE TO LAWN BOWLS

The fair sex have now taken to lawn bowls in the Colony and regular classes are being held on Wednesdays and Sundays. Among the converts are Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Kay Madar, Mrs. May Guest, Mrs. Maria Fincher and Miss Janet Broadbridge.

Ladies' Championship Yacht Race

True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson) won the second race of the Ladies' Championship Series of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday.

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(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).	
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(Mrs. J. E. Potter).	
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(Miss P. T. Pritchard).	
Gull, A9	1643.45 4
(Miss B. M. Richards).	
Maureen, A19—D.N.F.	

PAPER HUNT

A very enjoyable paper hunt was held by the Cottage Club on Saturday in which 13 riders, including several ladies, participated. L. G. Perkins, on Gold Currency, finished first, followed by G. Trevorton on Classic Hall and F. Bondfield on Bouera. Mr. A. H. Potts laid the trail.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

RUGBY.—Large Units League, Royal Artillery v. Royal Engineers, Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.; Royal Scots v. Combined Small Units, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON.—"B" Division, Jewish R.C. v. Chung Wah; Recreio v. V.R.C.; Kowloon Tong v. St. John's; St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

RUGBY.—Club "A" v. Army, Navy ground, 4.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

CRICKET.—"A" Division, University v. Recreio; Craigengower v. Indian R.C. "B" Division, Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

Not Affected By Early Closing

The Chinese New Year fairs in Wanchai (In Gloucester Road between Fenwick Street and Fleming Road), and Yaumatei (In Waterloo Road from Nathan Road to the seaford), and Argyle Street from Sham Chun Street to Portland Street), from Jan. 17 to 26, will not be affected by the Early closing Ordinance.

The Ordinance, which makes it an offence to carry on any retail business after 8 p.m., will be suspended from Jan. 23 to 26, both days inclusive.

Interviewed on Saturday, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, stated that as the stall-spaces are seldom fully occupied during the first three days of the fair a four-day suspension is considered sufficient.

Furthermore, said Mr. North, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, in its application to Government, set out a grading scale of extension from 9 p.m. on the first night to midnight on the fourth Government, after due consideration, decided to suspend the Ordinance altogether during the four days applied for.

JAPANESE AQUATIC STARS DUE

News has been received in the Colony from Manila that the Japanese college swimmers, who are now competing in the Philippines championships, have agreed to give an exhibition here on their way back to Japan. (The aquatic squad is expected to arrive about Jan. 22.)

S.C.M.P. GOLF COMPETITION

In the play-off of the triple tie in the S.C.M.P. competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club between G. M. Park (7), G. Thomson (20) and T. Megarry (11) the first named returned a card of one up and wins the prize.

ADAMSON CUP

G. W. Reeve 78-12-64 qualified for the Adamson Cup January qualifying round which was played at Happy Valley.

FUNERAL OF MRS. K. ABU

The funeral of Mrs. Kulsum Abu, who died in tragic circumstances on Saturday, took place at the Mohammedan Cemetery yesterday evening. The service was conducted by Mufti Mohammed Noor Shah. The late Mrs. Abu, who was 98 years of age, was found dead in the street outside her residence, No. 263 Lockhart Road, apparently having jumped or fallen from the second floor.

The deceased was one of the oldest and most esteemed member of the Indian community, and was the mother of the late Mr. Sheikh Ahmed Abu, one of the founders of the Mosque in Kobe. She is survived by a number of grand and great-grand children.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those who attended the funeral yesterday were Messrs. Gulap Ali and Juman Ali (grandsons), A.K. Ali, and M. Ali (great-grand sons), M.P. Jannan, A.H. Tobias, Hajee A.R. Abbas, A.H. Sepher, C. G. Markar, J. Ackbar, S.A.L. Rahman, M.H. Hassan, S.A. Hussain, S.D. Rahman, M.B. Mohamed, M. Currim, Khong Keng-pho, S.K. Cheney, K.W. Oh, U. Esmaill, C. Ebrahim, Mesdames S. K. Mossa, Yabaya, Ismail C.S. Lung, the Misses Tobias and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by many friends.

Rumours prevailing in the Colony that the train services between Kowloon and Canton would be resumed shortly were discredited by Major R. D. Walker, Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, who described the rumours as untrue.

Kowloon C. C. v. Craigengower, Recreio v. University

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
RACING.—Macao Jockey Club's January Race Meeting.

Travelling A.R.P. Units To Instruct Populace

Preparations are in hand for a mobile exhibition to educate the populace in effective means of screening lights during blackouts.

There will be two travelling units each consisting of one lorry and six Wardens and each lorry will be accompanied by members of the Police Reserve.

It is hoped that the units will be able to commence work on Monday, Jan. 20, and thereafter every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for about five days. They will go on tour again for a further week after Chinese New Year.

The lorries, on arrival at open spaces, will come to a stop. One side of the lorry will be lowered, and whilst some of the Wardens will distribute pamphlets amongst the spectators, two of the Wardens will act a ten-minute play comprised mostly of questions and answers on methods of screening lights.

VARIOUS METHODS

Various methods, from the employment of old cigarette tins to manufactured shades, blue and black bulbs, etc. will be demonstrated. The audience will also be shown posters depicting common faults.

The duration of a lorry in one place will be about 30 minutes after which the unit will move on to the next location to repeat the performance. It is thus hoped to give between 6 and 8 demonstrations in each Division, and particular attention is being paid to reaching the most congested areas.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. The following have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from Jan. 7, 1941:—Constables R40 Ngai Yin Chiu, R55 Chan Ka Kuk, R71 Chan Kai Ning, and R112 Louis Wong.

Leave. Constable R13 Tang Shiu Hung has been granted sick leave from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10, 1941.

Training Course—Part IV. Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the "A" Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 17.15 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform, Brace, whistle and Chain, and Cap with White Cover, Belt with Truncheon, "Pocket" Policeman and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. Constables R497 A.P. de Sousa and R498 E. J. da Motta have been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from date. Constables R453 L. A. Martin and R459 J. H. Smits not being available for duty are transferred to the non-active list as from date.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. RAGER,

D. C. P. (R).

AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS

Total Of 1100 In Service By Beginning Of 1943

The contention of the General Headquarters Air Force that successful defence of the Western Hemisphere against possible European or Asiatic aggression requires a minimum of 1,000 long-range, four-engined bombers, similar to the Army's present handful of Boeing flying fortresses, apparently has prevailed at last in War Department councils.

No announcement to this effect has been forthcoming, but an unofficial recapitulation of heavy bombardment planes "on hand and on order" in the nation's air expansion programme indicates that a total force of about 1,100 such ships will be in service by January 1, 1943.

Approximately 650 of them will be Boeings—improved versions of the present fortresses—and 450 a new four-engined bomber built by the Consolidated Aircraft Company, of San Diego, Calif. Fewer than seventy-five Boeings now constitute the Army's entire striking force in the long-range heavy bombardment aircraft category.

A few months ago, plans approved by Hemisphere defence called for a maximum of the joint Army-Navy Board for Western of 650 four-engined Army bombers, a fleet which officers of the G. H. Q. air force considered wholly inadequate for the job it might be called on to perform. The tactical mission of such ships as conceived by the Army Air Corps, is to intercept and disable enemy fleets up to 1,000 miles from shore, thereby preventing them from ever becoming a menace to America's populous and heavily industrialized seaboard.

PECULIARLY ADAPTED
Champions of the long-range bomber as an instrument of warfare peculiarly adapted to the defence problems of North and South America with their natural ocean barriers extending both to the east and to the west, viewed with dismay what they characterized as a move to buy too many of the wrong kind of airplanes at the outset of the country's aerial rearmament.

They argued that thousands of pursuit planes and short-range bombers meant preparation to defend the country after invasion had begun, that even if enough such craft were built to fulfill the World War day promise of darkening the skies with American aeroplanes, they would still be incapable of preventing an attack made from enemy aircraft carriers.

As one exponent of the flying fortress type of air defence, expressed it, "air power is proportional to numbers and types—not to numbers alone. Fifty thousand pistols would be swell if your enemy was across the street, but a few rifles would be worth more than all of them at 1,000 yards. In air warfare the pursuit plane has pistol range and the four-engined bomber, relatively speaking, has that of a rifle. I'd rather not wait until the enemy is across the street."

That something of this philosophy finally permeated not only the present European conflict. Airmen estimate that 1,000 four-engined bombers of the type now on order will cost approximately the same as three or possibly four battleships. They maintain that such a fleet can be built in a year and a half, but whether they are over-optimistic on this score remains to be demonstrated.

No one disputes their assertion that such an air force can be put in service in half the time required to construct a battleship—an important consideration in view of the President's remark not long ago that time is of the essence in the national defence preparations.

WENDELL WILLKIE FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Wendell Willkie has announced that he will be going to England shortly as a private citizen to make a personal survey of the situation there and expects to stay for two or three weeks.

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SCHUBERT SYMPHONY NO. 8 THE "UNFINISHED"

Portuguese Programme
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the Orchestre Raymonde.
Gounod in Vienna (arr. Walter). Orchestre Raymonde. Le Danger de La Valse (Michael Carr). Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestre. Chanson d'Amour (Suk). By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates). Orchestre Raymonde. Reginella (di Lazzaro). Chant d'Amour de Tahiti (Scotto). Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestre. Song of the Vagabonds. Intro. "Huguet's Waltz". Only A Rose. Intro. "Some Day" (all from "The Vagabond King"). Orchestre Raymonde.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Arthur Askey in Variety.

Dramatic Monologue — "The Quest (Kenneth Blain). Vocal — "A Ballad (Kenneth Blain). Arthur Askey with Piano. Vocal — Two Ton Tessa (Handman). Oh! Freddie (Gordon). Tessa O'Shea. Duetists — All Because of You (Lew and Other). Let's Go Ballyhoo (Brooks and Others). Browning and Starr with Piano. Vocal — Twilight Serenade. Intro: Love's old sweet song; By the Fireside; I'll see you in my dreams. What Have You Done to My Heart (film "Cafe Collette"). Charlie Wright and The Twilight Serenaders. Vocal — Two Little Doodle Bugs (Friend and Tobias). Arthur Askey with Orchestre.

1.30 Reuter and Ruxby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestre.

Comedy One-Step — Eleven More Months and Ten More Days. Fox-Trot — Saving Up My Time to Spend on You. Crazy with Love (from "This'll make you whistle"). Slow Fox-Trot — A Lover's Lullaby. Waltz — By the Window Well. Fox-Trots — The Way You Look Tonight: A Fine Romance (both from "Swing Time").

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Schubert — Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (The "Unfinished").

1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Andante con moto — Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

6.55 Interlude.

Soiree de Vienne No. 6 Schubert (Liszt) — Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

7.00 London Relay — The News.

7.15 London Relay — Questions of the Hour.

7.30 A Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 An hour of Variety.

Comedienne — Down at Our Charity Bazaar (Aza). Song of the Highway (May). Grace Fields with Orchestre.

Accordions — Wine Song; Happy, I'm Happy (both from "Caravan"). The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus. Vocal — Shine (Brown and Danby). Bing Crosby and The Mills Brothers with Orchestre. Piano — Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 3.

1 — Intro: I've got an invitation to a dance; Blue Moon. Easter Parade; Dancing with my Shadow; June in January; What a little Moonlight can do. Vocal — My Missus (Holloway and Corniche); Humorous Monologue — Albert Evacuated — Stanley Holloway.

Comedienne — Public Sweetheart; No. 1. In Love Again (both from "Seeing Stars"). Florence Desmond with Orchestre. Piano — Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 3 — Intro: Pop goes your heart; I believe in miracles; Okay Toots; Old Bohemian Town; Holl Along; Covered Wagon; She wore a little jacket of blue — Charlie Kunz. Vocal — Tiger Rag (La Rocca); Some of These Days (Brooks). The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar). Vocal — The Desert Song (Romberg-Hammerstein); Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (Herbert Young). Grace Fields with Orchestre. Orchestre and Vocal — Love For Ever I Adore You (Miller and de Michel). Niron (film "A Song for You"). Reginald King & His Orchestre with Cavan O'Connor (Tenor).

9.00 London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay — Talk: "Scott's Abroad."

9.45 Scottish Programme.

An Eriskay Love Lilt (Songs of the Hebrides — Kennedy-Fraser); Herding Song (Songs of the North — arr. Lawson) — Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano accomp. Meg Merrilees (arr. Black); Glasgow Highlanders (arr. Black) — Scottish Country Dance Orchestre. McLeod's Galley (Kennedy-Fraser); O' Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scot-

land) — Stephen and Burnett) — Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano. Ae Fond Kiss (Scott Gatty); Dell's Awa' Wi' Th' Exciseman; The Piper O' Dundee — Alexander Carmichael (Baritone) with Piano. Harry Lauderdale; Vocal Gems (arr. Byng) — Intro: I love a lassie; Killiecrankie; Bonnie Leezie Lindsay; Waggle o' the Kilt; Something in the bottle for the morning — Scottish Male Voice Singers with Orchestre.

10.15 Dance Favourites.

Swing Fox-Trot — Scatterbrain — Benny Goodman and His Orchestre. Fox-Trot — Over the Rainbow (film "The Wizard of Oz") — Glenn Miller & His Orchestre. Tango — South of the Border; Quickstep — That Sly Old Gentleman (film "East Side of Heaven"). Jack Harris & His Orchestre. Waltz — Medcalf Rose (from "Rhythm on the Ranch") — Oscar Rabin and His Romany Band. Swing Fox-Trot — Oh, By Jingo — Arthur Young & Hatched's Swingette featuring Stephanie Grappelly and Beryl Davis. Rumba Fox-Trot — Mama Inex — Havana No. 1 Orchestre. Fox-Trot — Ma-Dick Robertson and His Orchestre. Swing Fox-Trots — Lying in the Hay; Oh! Johnny. Oh! Johnny. Oh! — Arthur Young and Hatched's Swingette featuring Stephanie Grappelly and Beryl Davis.

Fox-Trot — Jeepers Creepers (from "Going Places") — Paul Whiteman and His Swing Wing. Polka — Beer Barrel Polka — The Pheasant Brothers. Fox-Trot — The Man Who Comes Around — Billy Cotton and His Band. Waltzes — "Count of Luxembourg" Waltz; "The Merry Widow" Waltz — Marek Weber and His Orchestre.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I — News Summary — 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin — 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V — News Summary — 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin — 7.30 p.m.
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Trans. II & III — News Summary — 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin — 8.30 a.m.

Goods to the value of \$130 were stolen from No. 100, Connaught Road West between 8 and 9 p.m. on Jan. 11, it was reported.

COMING EVENTS

JAN.

14 — Tides: High 10.44 a.m. and 9.33 p.m. Low 4.17 a.m. and 3.12 p.m. Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m. Claims against estate of Roger Edward Lindsell due.

H.K. Rotary Club. Tiffin Meeting. 1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming; Billiards Match Night; Badminton. Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. Criminal Sessions Open, 2.30 p.m. Crown Land Sale, D.O. Tai Po, 11.30 a.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Mrs. Lechmere Clift's Bible Class, 9 Hillwood Road, 10.30 a.m.

Christ Church Parochial Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 8 p.m.

S. & S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

15 — Tides: High 11.26 a.m. and 10.23 p.m. Low 4.56 a.m. and 3.54 p.m. Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6 p.m. Immigration Law comes into force. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Chinese Estates, Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend Payable.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 8 a.m.—12 noon; Chess and Draughts Night; Swimming.

H.E. the Acting Governor to visit H.K. and Whampoa Dockyard, 4 p.m. Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on Home Nursing, Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Concert Party, 8 p.m.

16 — Tides: High 11.53 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 5.32 a.m. and 4.37 p.m. Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m. — Speaker: Mr. K. S. Lee on "How Gen. Chiang Kai-shek Became a Christian."

Auxiliary Nursing Service: Lectures on Home Nursing commence at Kowloon Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Squash: Hockey; Swimming.

Cheero Club: Bridge and Mahjong, 17 — Tides: High 12.27 p.m. and 11.56 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 5.26 p.m. Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Forewell Reception to Miss S. P. Sutton, 157, The Peak, 4.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming; Badminton.

Cheero Club: Darts and Table Tennis.

Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Seafarers' Dance, 9 p.m.

18 — Tides: High 1.24 p.m. Low 6.48 a.m. and 6.21 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.02 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor to Broadcast on Colonial Centenary, 8.03 p.m.

19 — Tides: High 1.29 a.m. and 2.12 p.m. Low 7.27 a.m. and 7.29 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.03 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Macao Jockey Club, January Meeting.

Golf: Junior Championship — First Round.

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Thomas Mitchell, as Dr. Gibbs, merits the highest praise that words can convey for acting that can only be described as superbly moving and unforgettably exciting. Frank Craven, as the narrator, plays his role with the adroitness and deftness of a down-to-earth realist and all the other performances in "Our Town" rank with the best the screen has ever presented.

Chungking Branch Of Central Library To Be Open Soon

The Chungking branch of the National Central Library which has been under construction for some time is expected to be open in the near future. Besides a stack room and a reading room, the building will have a rostrum and a room for the exhibition of works of fine arts.

Since the start of the current hostilities, the stocks of books and magazines in the Central Library have been greatly increased due to large donations by the cultural institutions of the various countries abroad. The books now number more than 400,000 volumes, while the magazines total over 3,000 categories.

All the books and magazines have been stored in underground places for safe keeping against Japanese air raids. When the Chungking branch of the Library is open, part of the stocks will be removed here for the use of the public. (Central News).

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 12: — Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, one case; Dysentery, four cases; Tuberculosis, 20 cases.

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"TRAGIC TIME" AHEAD FOR BULGARIA

Revisionist Policy Of The Govt. To Be Continued

VICHY, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—The Bulgarian Prime Minister M. Filoff, in a speech at Rustchuk yesterday, pointed out, according to a Sofia telegram, that despite Bulgaria's desire for peace she might have to go through a "tragic time."

M. Filoff, who has just visited Vienna, added: "The question of peace or war does not depend on small countries."

The Government's policy has always been peaceful but at the same time revisionist, and "from the start we have desired revision and we will continue to ask for a peaceful revision."

Mentioning the cession of Southern Dobruja to Bulgaria by Rumania, he said: "The Bulgarian Government is convinced that it can go further along the same path and would be happy if other injustices could be repaired."

M. Filoff affirmed that it was Bulgaria's duty "to be ready to defend our vital interests and to face up to any eventuality that might occur."

DISCREET SYMPATHY

SOPIA, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—M. Filoff in re-affirming Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality and revision by peaceful means, showed discreet sympathy with the Axis and the "new order in Europe" but carefully avoided any hint of the possibility of German intervention.

The speech was broadcast by all Bulgarian radio stations.

The Premier remarked: "The gigantic cataclysm caused by the speeches and decisions of President Roosevelt may provoke a world war. Bulgaria must be cautious for it is necessary to know not only who will conquer but how victory will be achieved. We see clearly that there will be a new Europe after the war which will affect Bulgaria like other states."

APPEAL TO BULGARIANS

It was essential that Bulgaria should remain calm and show no partisanship. Bulgarians must be neither Germanophile nor Anglophile; only ready to sacrifice all for Bulgaria.

SOMETHING GRAND AND PROUD

BRITISH SPIRIT AFTER LONDON FIRE RAIDS

"I tell you something has got into our people—something grand and proud, and nothing on God's earth will knock it out of them," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. news commentator, when he referred in a broadcast talk on Sunday last to the calm and cheerful manner in which Londoners endured the second fire raid on London on Jan. 11.

OBJECTIVES FAIL

Mr. Lakin said that the raid was a short, but sharp one. "Early on," he said, "it seemed as if Herr Hitler was determined to repeat the fire 'blitz' of two weeks ago. He sent more high explosives than before."

"The idea of these high explosive bombs is to keep the fireworkers from putting out the incendiaries. Both objects, however, failed and the attack was broken off after about three hours."

"I know you have heard enough about how our people behave in a fire, so I do not want to expatiate on that. But I would like to tell you how our people have reacted to the recent spell of freedom they have had from nightly raids and how quickly our fireworkers deal with incendiaries."

AMAZING SPIRIT

"I know you have heard enough about our people in what I suppose may be called the hottest area and I was amazed at the spirit of the ordinary Londoners, and the courage, speed and good humor with which they tackled their jobs. I do not mean the tried firemen and wardens, but the army of civilian fireworkers."

"At one moment you saw a blaze and within a few minutes it was out. At the height of the 'blitz' and when heavy bombs were crashing around, London's roar of traffic went on as usual. There was the usual cockney backchat and joking among the young people."

KWEIYANG TO BE MADE A MUNICIPALITY

The Kweichow Provincial Government is seeking the approval of the National Government for turning Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow, into a municipality in view of its growing importance politically, economically and industrially.

If approval is obtained a municipal government will be formed. Under the municipal government will be the secretariate and the bureaux of police, public works and health.—(Central News).

SEVEN RAIDERS DOWNED IN BATTLES OVER U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—Seven German aircraft are confirmed to have been shot down in air battles over Britain during the week ended midnight on Jan. 11 for the loss of only one British fighter.

Detailed figures are: 5th, German 2; British 1; 7th, German 1; 9th, German 2; 10th German 2.

It may be noted that the Germans admit the loss of six planes on the night of Jan. 10 when Portsmouth was attacked, the remaining four presumably being lost without direct observation by the R.A.F.

No comprehensive figures for the Western Desert are available, but the following are the main facts of recent Mediterranean air fighting:

Between Dec. 22 and Jan. 5 inclusive, 30 Italian aircraft were confirmed destroyed in the air and at least eight were destroyed on the ground.

In the week following, over 100 Italian aircraft were destroyed as follows:

Jan. 8.—Forty Italian aircraft bombed on the ground were rendered useless at El Adem.

Jan. 8.—Twelve were destroyed on the ground at Benina.

Jan. 9.—Five bombers were destroyed at Malta, two on the ground at Jajello and a napher, unspecified, at Berke.

Since Jan. 5 two Savoias were destroyed on the ground at or near Gubba, two at Gazala and seven at Timmi, while advancing troops found 35 previously destroyed at Gazala.

Bombs & Pamphlets Rained On Royal Arsenal At Turin

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—A new attempt is being made by Italy to bar the now familiar route used by British bombers between Britain and northern Italy.

Last Saturday night for the first time, batteries of anti-aircraft guns ranged on the Italian slopes of the Alps opened fire against R.A.F. bombers going to attack the Royal Arsenal in Turin.

The raiders reached their objective one after another soon after midnight, despite this addition to the hazards of winter flying over the Alps. The almost clear sky which awaited them over Turin enabled them to identify clearly railways and streets and the sweep of the river Po.

Some aircraft carried a number of very heavy bombs which were released, with a shower of incendiaries, right into the arsenal. Explosions which followed the bursting of the bombs went on intermittently and could still be seen when the bombers were back over the Alps. The fires were equally impressive.

One pilot was prevented from attacking the arsenal because his bomb-release had frozen over the Alps, but he flew on until the mechanism had "come alive" again and bombed the Fiat works and another factory.

Four-page pamphlets giving Mr. Churchill's recent speech were also dropped.

Amendments To Lease And Lend Bill

PURPOSE OF BILL NOT AFFECTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill is likely to be amended before it is passed, but not seriously enough to interfere with the President's plans for aiding those who are fighting aggression.

As a result of conferences among Congressional leaders yesterday, it seems probable that three amendments will be offered and probably accepted.

(1) Provision that Britain shall put up some form of security against arms, planes and ships provided her, such as liens on metal and oil production and on the interests of Britain in the Western Hemisphere;

(2) Limitation of the wide powers of the President to a fixed period, probably two years;

(3) Expunging of the provisions of the Bill allowing British warships to be reconditioned in American naval waters.

It is considered that none of these provisions seriously affects the main purpose of the Bill.

Japanese Troop Train Wrecked

OVER 300 KILLED AND INJURED

FANCHENG, Jan. 13 (Central)—More than 300 Japanese were killed and wounded as the result of a train wreck on the southern sector of the Peiping-Hankow Railway on Jan. 2.

The troop train, of 14 coaches, was speeding southward when it struck Chinese mines in the vicinity of Yichiauan south of Kwangai in northern Hupeh. Several coaches were blown up while the rest were derailed.

A similar incident occurred in northern Anhwei on New Year Day when four coaches of a Japanese troop train on the Hwai-Nan Railway were destroyed after striking Chinese mines at Lochi village north of Hoi.

The incident resulted in more than 100 Japanese casualties and severe losses of military supplies on board the train.

CHUNGKING SOCIAL

SOVIET AMBASSADOR ENTERTAINED

CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (Central)—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday entertained at luncheon M. Alexandre S. Panachukine, the Soviet Ambassador to China, the staff of the Soviet Embassy and M. Mihalief, director of the China branch of the Tass News Agency.

Among other guests were General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity, and General Chen Ming-chu, Chairman of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association.

Following the luncheon, they visited scenic spots in Chungking.

TEA RECEPTION

The China branch of the Tass News Agency gave a tea reception to Chinese cultural leaders at the Chiang Kai-shek House here yesterday. The function was featured by a showing of latest Soviet newswreels and motion pictures.

More than 200 people attended the function, prominent among them being Dr. Wang Shih-chien and Dr. Hollington K. Tong, respectively Minister and Vice-Minister of Publicity, and Col. Chu Shih-min, Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The pictures shown included those depicting the Red Army and conditions in Soviet Russia.

CORRUPT OFFICIAL EXECUTED

WEST SUYUAN, Jan. 13 (Central)—Wu Hsiao-chieh, chief executive of the Suiyuan Mobilization Committee, has been executed by order of the provincial government for embezzling public funds.

Egypt, India Linked By Ties Of Blood

LAHORE, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—Corresponding greetings and a message of thanks to the Indian people for the Western Desert victory was brought by Sir Sikand Arhyat Khan, Premier of Punjab, from Hussein Sirry Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt.

The message added: "India and Egypt are now closely linked by ties of blood. The blood of Indians shed for the sake of Egypt will always keep alive the memories of the gallant action of their country."



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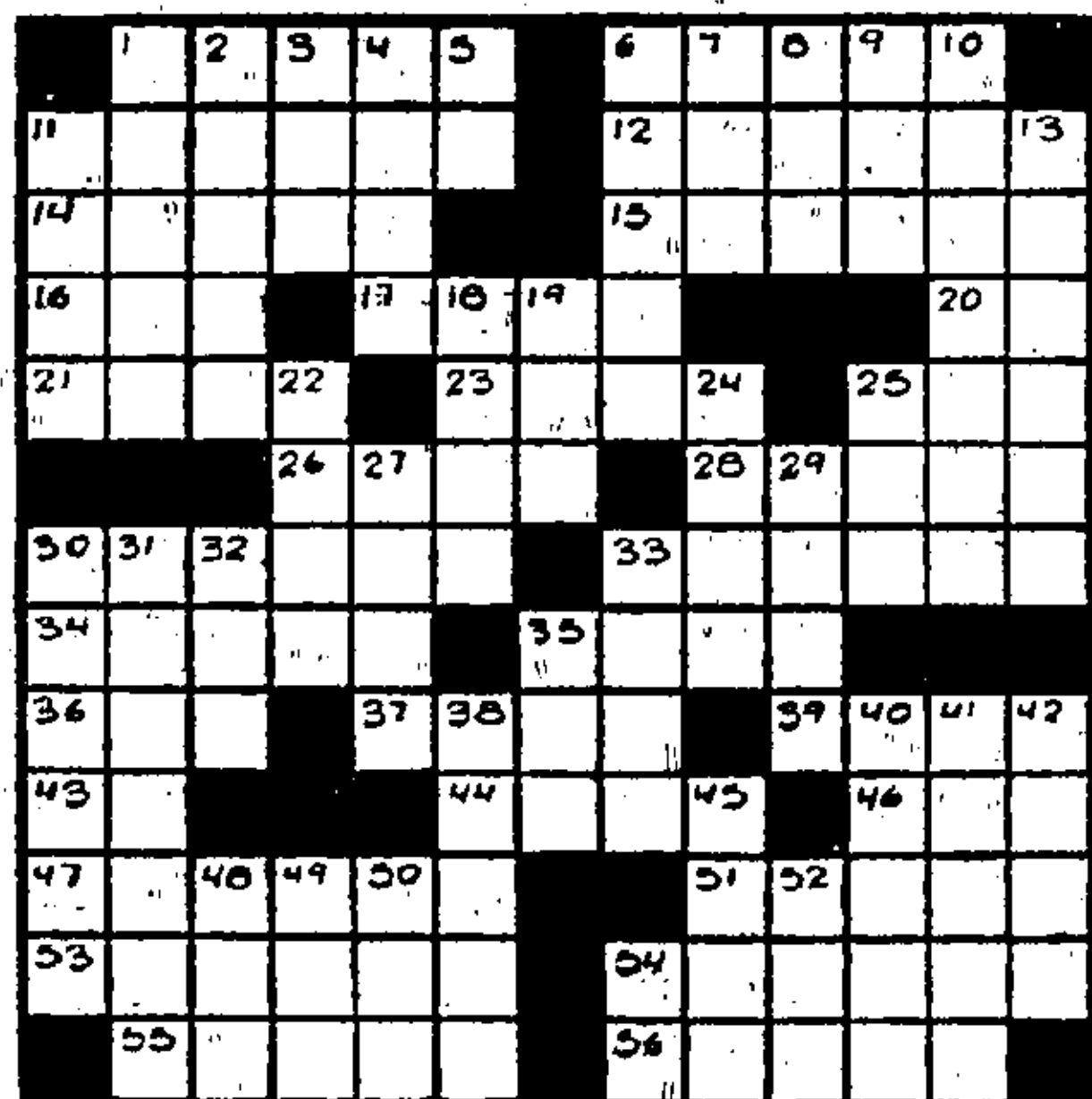
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SOCIETY WEDDING AT HONGKONG HOTEL

Bridegroom Son Of Former Legislative Councillor

A picturesque wedding took place at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon when MISS LOOK SAU-LIN, daughter of the late Mr. Look Yun-hing and Mrs. Look, of Hongkong, became the bride of MR. NG KUN-SHING, son of the late Hon. Mr. Ng Hon-tse (Legislative Councillor 1922-23) and Mrs. Ng, of Hongkong.

The ceremony was performed in the new Chinese custom. The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall officiated and Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau was the witness.

The bride was attended by the Misses Tong Hok-shue and Tai Hing-yue, as bridesmaids, Miss Fan Wing-kun as flowergirl and Master Tsang Wing-too as page-boy.

The bride looked charming on the arm of her brother, Mr. Look Man-lan (a Chungking Government official and a colleague of Mr. T. V. Soong) and wore a French satin gown cut with a high waist and long tight sleeves of white French lace, and for her head-dress she wore a tiara of orange blossoms held in place by a white tulle veil. She carried a sheaf of white forget-me-nots.

TAFFETA FROCKS

The bridesmaids also looked charming in pink and blue French taffeta frocks cut with a high waist and full skirt with ruckings and ribbon trimming and the flower-girl a miniature frock and they carried pastel shades of sweet-peas. The page-boy looked smart in a green suit with a white satin shirt.

The bridegroom was attended by the Messrs. Leong Kwok-ching and Lee Sai-wa as bestman and groomsmen, respectively.

After the ceremony and reception friends and relatives congratulated the newly-weds.

RAZACK—BUTT

Two well-known families of the Indian community in the Colony were united yesterday when MISS ARMINA BUTT, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Butt and Mrs. Butt, became the bride of MR. D. M. A. RAZACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Razack, and popular Indian C. tennis player.

The marriage ceremony was solemnised according to Islamic rites after which a reception was held at the Indian Recreation Club where a large gathering of relatives and friends offered the happy couple their felicitations.

The bridegroom is connected with the Motor Department of Gilman and Company. He captained his Club's tennis team in the "B" division of the Tennis League during last summer.

Besides playing tennis he is also a useful left-hand bowler but has not participated in cricket for some time, concentrating more on tennis.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL PLAY

Pupils of the St. Paul's Institution (French Convent School) gave a most enjoyable play on life in ancient Rome, entitled "Faith and Love," yesterday afternoon to a large and appreciative audience.

The same play will be repeated tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., and will be for students only. A further performance will be given on Friday afternoon at 5:30.

All the proceeds from the various performances will be donated to charities. Prices of admission are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

On the application of Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin, Lau Mei-hoa, alias Hak Tsai, maid, was further remanded for one week, when he appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of manslaughter.

It is recalled that defendant was alleged to have fought with another maifoo, Lam Yung-kwong, over a debt in the Hongkong Jockey Club stables on Jan. 1. After being separated, Lam collapsed 10 minutes later, and was taken to the office of the Jockey Club where he died.

Rupture of the spleen and internal haemorrhage were given as the cause of Lam's death.

EXPULSION ORDER

Charged with stealing nine cabbies of rice from a bag of rice onorry No. 2331 (parked outside No. 131A, Queen's Road East, the property of Yip Tang, on Jan. 11, Ng Sam, 25, coolie appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday when he was sentenced to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

Defendant had one previous conviction.

SIX MONTHS FOR BURGLAR

"Do you want to spend all your life in prison?" was the question put by Mr. Sheldon on a 22-year-old unemployed when he was charged with burglary before him yesterday.

Defendant was Chan Kim-fel, who was alleged to have stolen eight pieces of clothing, a set of mahjong and a pair of binoculars to the total value of \$80 from No. 19, Thomson Road, third floor, the property of Lam Pui-wah, 30, married woman, on Jan. 11.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley, who had arrested defendant five times, prosecuted. Defendant had nine previous convictions.

MURDER HEARING ADJOURNED

Further hearing of the case in which Ho Sung-hei, 22, an employee of the Chung Hwa Book Company, is charged with the murder of Woo Tong-chiu, 29, accountant, at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar was adjourned to next Monday.

The case is being heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry, Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. L. R. Whant.

RICE SHOP FINED

The case in which twelve rice shops were summoned for selling No. 2 grade broken small rice at a higher price than the rate fixed by Government was heard before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

The shops were at No. 25, No. 18, No. 6, Graham St.; 55, Staunton St.; No. 64, Des Voeux Road Central; No. 4, Jubilee St.; No. 24, Sai St.; No. 70, Des Voeux Road Central; No. 108, Bopham Strand East; No. 122, Jervois St.; No. 4, Graham St.; and No. 13, Wing Lok St.

Mr. F. G. Nigel appeared for second defendant, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for third defendant, both pleading not guilty.

Stating that the rice brought up for prosecution was very likely No. 1 grade broken small, although the Chinese detectives did ask for No. 2 grade broken small, Det. Sub-Insp. J. O'Donovan submitted that the summonses against all, except sixth defendant, be withdrawn, and this was granted.

Sixth defendant, which was the Fuk Cheung Wo shop, at No. 4, Jubilee St. was alleged to have sold two cabbies of the rice, set at nine cents per catty, at 20 cents, which was two cents in excess of the Government fixed rate.

Defendant pleaded guilty through a representative, and was fined \$100.

POSSESSION OF WARD

Before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Kan Yi, 35, widow, of No. 88, Jaffe Road, first floor, was charged with bringing a ward, Kan Kam, aged seven, into the Colony, and failing to give notice, while Kan Mul, 35, of No. 80, Jaffe Road, first floor, was charged with possession of the ward, and failing to give notice.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., said that Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant of the S. C. A., saw the girl accompanied by another woman, who was accosting naval ratings.

A fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour, was imposed on each defendant.

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED IN!

Charged on two counts: namely, on Dec. 2 at No. 125, Wong Nei Chung Road stealing a pocket wallet containing \$84, two £5 notes, a blue uniform waistcoat, a wrist watch, a Government cheque, five general warrants and one Kowloon bus ticket, to the total value of \$170, the property of Inspector C. Strange of the Sanitary Department, and on Jan. 12 at 4:10 a.m. attempting to break and enter the same address, with intent to commit a felony therein, Leung Man, 30, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. Bentley said that at 4:10 a.m. Insp. Strange heard somebody breaking the wood shutter of a window. He went to the spot and saw defendant outside the window. The alarm was raised and defendant climbed to the roof. The police was notified, who arriving at the scene, arrested defendant with the help of the fire brigade. On being questioned, defendant admitted the stealing on Dec. 2. None of the stolen articles were recovered.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively, to be followed by expulsion.

AT KOWLOON

LOITERERS IN COURT

Cheung Yim-sing, 25, and Chew Yee, 26, were charged before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday with loitering outside No. 372, Prince Edward Road about 1:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said that a Chinese constable saw defendants looking over the garden wall of the address. He kept close watch on them and saw them inspecting the windows of the house. Accused then crossed the road and took a far view of the house.

At this moment the constable went up and questioned them. First accused said that he was trying to borrow money from second defendant. His story was not believed and they were taken to the Police station.

Convicted of the charge first accused, who had four previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, while second defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to be expelled from the Colony.

LARCENY OF RIVETS

Pleading guilty to the charge of larceny of 20 pounds of rivets from the Kowloon Dockyard, Ma Chui, 27, coolie, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Sgt. A. E. Haynes said that defendant came out from the Dockyard on Saturday and on being searched the rivets were found on various parts of his person.

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Charged with obtaining \$370 from Ip Chuen, residing at No. 807 Canton Road, by false pretences, Leung Hak-chiu, 30, unemployed, appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday for a remand of a week.

KEPT WOMAN GAOLED

That she was a prostitute and that she had received the banknote from a customer was part of the evidence given by Chan Chui-ho, alias Chan Chun, 24, described as a kept woman, who was charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with possession of a \$10 note of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, knowing the same to be forged on Dec. 27.

In evidence, Chan stated that she lived at No. 34, Tung Street. Det. Sub-Insp. Cunningham said that on Dec. 27 about 8 p.m. defendant went to No. 77, Third Street, second floor, to rent a bed space at \$2.50 a month. She tendered a \$10 note for deposit and was given \$9 change.

The principal tenant, Lau Yick, however, was not satisfied with the note and sent his son, Lau Kam, to have it verified. Defendant was arrested by P. C. C947 Yeung Kwai.

When the woman was first caught, said S. I. Cunningham, she offered to give back the \$9 change to the young boy.

Ho Wing-siu, shroff of the Chartered Bank, testified that the note was a forgery.

After evidence, defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

ROBBERY HEARING

Hearing of the case in which So Chan-ku, 27, So Ah-kam, 28, So Chi-suen, 48, So Leung-pak, 44,

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CHINA CLIPPER DUE ON FRIDAY

Pan American Airways CHINA CLIPPER, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Jan. 9, is now expected in Hongkong on Friday, Jan. 17, and will leave on her return flight the next morning.

The HONOLULU CLIPPER is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday next, Jan. 21, and will leave the following morning.

MARINERS WARNED

A derelict junk has been reported as sighted by the s.s. Gran in Lat. 21 deg. 51 N. Long 113 deg. 39 E. approximately at 04:00 hours GMT, on Jan. 10.

So Ma-tai, 33, and So Cheung, 28, were charged with robbery, was continued before Mr. Himsforth yesterday. First defendant was also charged with possession of 14 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Mr. Hin-sing Lo defended the first two accused and Mr. M. A. da Silva the third, while Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall prosecuted.

It was alleged that defendants attacked trading junk No. T5180H near Waglan Lighthouse on the evening of Dec. 4 and stole a cargo of flour, rice, matches, fertilizer and raw cotton.

Giving evidence, Li Chun, steersman of the junk, said that he was caught hold of by second defendant who handed him over to fourth accused and who in turn pushed him into the hold of the robbery junk. At the identification parade he identified all defendants with the exception of the last accused.

Hearing was adjourned until Jan. 21.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT

A sad story of how he used to be well off before the Japanese invasion of Canton, but was now penniless and had to attempt suicide to end his miseries, was related by Law Cheung, 35, unemployed, when he appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of loitering on the first floor of No. 2, St. Stephen's Lane, on Jan. 12, for unlawful purposes.

It was stated that a constable saw defendant in the act of hanging himself with a rope. Defendant was bound over.

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OLD CHELTONIAN DINNER

It is proposed to hold the annual dinner at the Hongkong Club on Friday, January 24th at 8-15 p.m. Will all those O.C.'s who are able to attend please communicate with L. C. Baker, c/o Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

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ITALY'S TRAGIC RECORD

THERE IS NOW a plaintive note in Rome comments on operations in the Western Desert. Why should Britain, it is asked, seek to deprive Italy of her possessions in Libya when she has vast territories at her disposal in Australia and Canada. The former country, said the commentator, has six-million inhabitants and is capable of supporting one hundred-million, while the latter, with a population of ten-million, is capable of supporting seven times as many. Italy, he continues, has built up the North African colonies at great sacrifice. One hundred thousand peasant families have made their homes there and so transformed the land. What justification then is there for Britain to attack and destroy these African possessions? This is all rather pathetic, and makes one feel sorry for the Italians, who have been so busily engaged in the arduous task of earning their living that they have had neither time nor inclination to study or criticise their leader's policy. They do not seem to be aware that the Prime Minister of Britain begged the Duce to remain neutral, and that Britain had no designs against Italy.

THEY DO NOT SEEM to know that it was Italy who declared war and stabbed France in the back. They forget that it was Italian troops that advanced into Egypt and threatened the Sudan and Kenya. The policy of the Fascists was deliberately aimed at Britain. The slogan was that the Mediterranean was an Italian Lake, that the destiny of Italy was once more to assume control of the Roman Empire.

NEW COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has notified that he has selected Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Senior Superintendent, Malayan Police Service, to fill the vacancy for Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong, caused by the retirement of Mr. T. H. King. Mr. Pennefather-Evans is at present on leave in England and is expected to leave for the Colony in March.

TRADING JUNK ATTACKED

A Japanese outrage has been reported to the Police by Hui Ng, master of trading junk No. T4120H. The junk was sailing about 10 miles east of Ping Hoi at 3 p.m. on Jan. 2 when a Japanese trawler drew alongside.

Five Japanese, armed with revolvers, boarded the craft. After finding no cargo on board they dumped the gingle into the sea and took away the licence.

Mr. I. Gonzalez, Private Secretary to the Honorable Jose Yulo of the Philippine National Assembly, passed through Hongkong recently. Mr. Gonzalez has been accompanying the Yulo party on their visit to the United States.

or that part of it which lay round North Africa. The Italian Navy was expanded to correspond with this vision of future greatness. The air arm too was increased to match the greater numbers in the army. The Dodecanese became naval and air bases, while Pantalaria was fortified in order to cut British communications with the Far East. The maps which the Fascists displayed on the walls in Rome included Egypt and Syria in the scheme of expansion, as well as the Suez Canal. Instead of adhering to the traditional policy of friendship with Britain, Mussolini thought Italy was strong enough, not only to challenge British power, but to destroy it.

THE PRESENT POSITION is deplorable from the Italian point of view, since there is not only loss of military prestige, but grave danger that the natives of Libya and Abyssinia may take vengeance on the Italian settlers. The Libyans call Graziani the "butcher," the one who ordered chiefs to be taken up in planes and then hurled into space, while he transported their followers to Eritrea. Abyssinia was captured by the use of poison gas so the relations between the Italians and the natives there are very bitter. Naturally the succession of blows which have fallen on the Italians in the past month has had a depressing effect on Italy. Though they are all part of the same campaign, they give the impression of separate and distinct defeats, and there is the grim prospect of further disasters. Tobruk, Abyssinia and Benghazi loom ahead, and merely await the COUP DE GRACE which the British forces must administer. The military defeat, though staggering and decisive as it will be, is perhaps not the greatest of Italy's sorrows. The Fascists have proved their incompetence. They chose the time for war, they judged themselves to be strong enough to defeat Britain, they launched the campaign, and they have brought not only ruin upon themselves, but involved the Italians in a moral catastrophe. They are hated and despised by France, held in contempt by their German friends, under whose yoke they are about to pass, and they have forsaken the friendship of Britain. It is a tragic record. —(Contributed).

CAPT. REEVES TESTIFIES

THIRTEEN CHARGES DISMISSED

Thirteen of the 22 charges against CAPTAIN H. L. REEVES, R.E. were dismissed when Court Martial proceedings were continued yesterday afternoon, the defence being instructed to proceed on the remaining nine counts.

The charges dismissed included Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, and 11, relating to alleged conduct on the part of defendant to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he ordered Sapper Kuenster to make an Army Form G. 825 an entry purporting to show that a certain quantity of a stated commodity had been issued to a certain person on a certain date, not being satisfied that that quantity of that commodity had been so issued.

Charges 18 to 22 relate to the allegation that defendant persuaded or induced Lt. C. Otway to sign an Army Form G. 825 purporting to show that a certain quantity of paraffin had been issued to soldiers under Lt. Otway well knowing that that quantity was an estimate.

DEFENCE STATEMENT

Following the Court's decision to dismiss these charges, Capt. Reeves made a statement in his defence.

Defendant said that when he had taken over the Fuel Accounts (at the beginning of October) he had noticed after a check that there were discrepancies between the ledger balances and the remaining stocks and that the method of recording Issues and Receipts appeared to be in a state of confusion.

He drew the attention of Lieut. Cuthbertson to this fact and at the same time told him he expected to be able to straighten the accounts out. He also made a report of the position to his Company Commander, Major Grose.

His efforts to straighten out the accounts proceeded slowly by reason of the fact that other duties had prevented his devoting much attention to the Fuel Accounts.

After he received the order to hand over the accounts, he looked more closely into the position and satisfied himself that stocks had been issued without signatures. He made extensive inquiries and found out what issues had been made, in what manner and for what purpose. The information obtained he handed over to Major Grose who ordered him to obtain signatures for such issues.

SAPPER CALLED

Following defendant's statement, two witnesses were called by the defence. Sapper F. Cork, of the 22nd Fortress Coy., stated that between April and September, 1940, he was technical storeman of the 22nd Fortress Coy. During this period he used paraffin oil, chiefly for cleaning and maintenance. This he drew from the Company fuel store. He never drew specified amounts but only what he wished. When he finished the amount he had drawn, he went and drew more as necessary. He did not sign for each drawing but signed periodically. He drew from the storeman, who brought a chit down which he signed. These came about once a month.

He never made a note of how much he drew, witness continued, but the amounts were entered in the appropriate columns for paraffin and oil.

S/Sgt. E. Rodgers gave evidence on figures for consumption of various fuels.

Proceedings in the morning opened with an address to the Court by the defending officer, 2/Lieut. H. S. Badger, who submitted that defendant had, in case to answer.

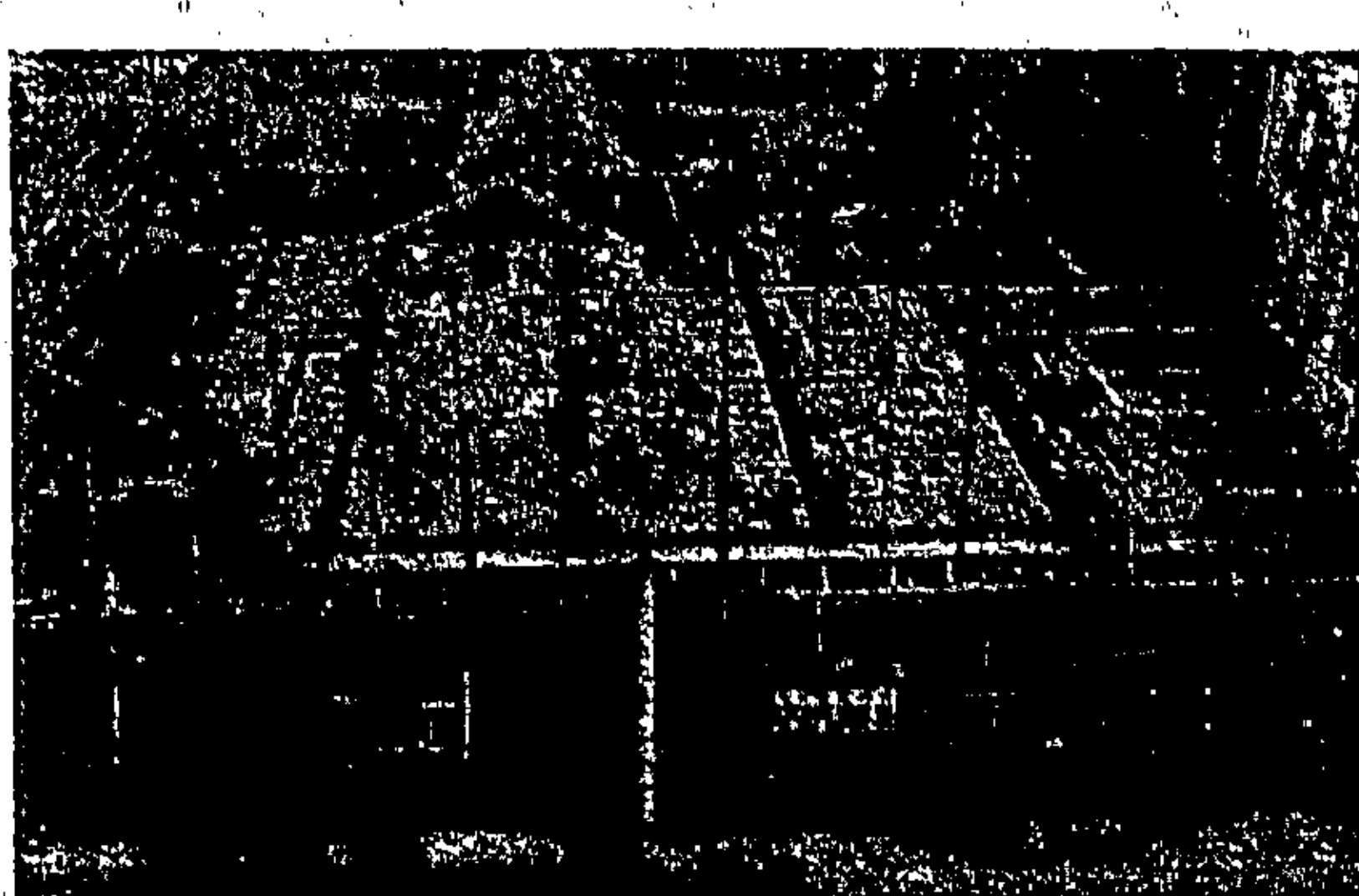
Hearing will be continued.

BRITISH PLANES OVER SWISS TERRITORY

BERNE, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — British planes are claimed by the Swiss authorities to have been over Switzerland, on Saturday night.

An Army communique issued yesterday morning says: "Foreign aircraft flew over the Lehman and Jura region for several hours, coming from the north-west and leaving in the direction of Savoy."

"Defences went into action. After one plane had made a forced landing in France, it was established that the planes were British."



Construction of the new Eastern Fire Station in progress in Hennessy Road.—(King's Studio).

NEWSETTES

Dr. G. M. Abraham and Dr. H. C. Ho are leaving today for Kwei yang where they will join the Red Cross unit under Dr. Robert Lim.

Mr. Carl Mydans, prominent journalist and photographer, now engaged with "Life" Magazine, arrived in Hongkong on Saturday. Mr. Mydans is en route to Singapore on a combined business and pleasure trip. He is accompanied by his wife, also a prominent journalist.

Mr. George Stevens, Chairman of the East India Carpet Company in Amritsar, India, arrived in Hongkong on Saturday. Mr. Stevens plans to continue on to India to take up his position there. Mr. Stevens has been spending a few months in the United States on vacation.

Mr. C. C. Grinnell, Far Eastern Manager of the International General Electric Company with offices in New York, was a passenger through the Colony recently. Mr. Grinnell is planning to take up his position in Manila. He has been spending time in the United States on an extended vacation.

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.:

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$525,348.66.

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Hongkong Chinese Relief Assoc. \$500, China Light and Power Co., Ltd. 100, T. C. Monaghan 100, Dr. S. S. Ramler 5, Rev. H. R. Wells 5, Miss I. N. Watkins 5, Cheung King Leung 5, St. John's Cathedral 5, Dr. E. W. Hackett 5, Mrs. E. W. Hackett 5.

COMMITTEE TO HELP OVERSEAS CHINESE IN CHINA

Overseas Chinese who wish to engage in business in China will be given assistance and guidance by a special committee to be formed shortly under the Overseas Affairs Commission.

Regulations governing the organization of the new committee have just been adopted by the Government. It is provided that the committee will be headed currently by the Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission and will comprise from seven to nine members appointed by the Executive Yuan.

The main duties of the Committee are to undertake investigations and registrations of overseas Chinese who have returned to China, examine their skill and capability, study and plan possible business enterprises for them, provide them with business assistance and guidance in business enterprise and reclamation work, and in the transfer of their capital to their home country. It will also help overseas Chinese technicians to find work and to provide relief for those in need. —(Central News).

Mr. William J. Atkins, export manager of Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd. of Canada, passed through Hongkong, en route to Manila on a business trip. He plans to return to Canada within a few months.

Mr. A. T. Taylor returning to Manila passed through Hongkong recently from a short vacation in the Pacific north-west of the United States. He is connected with the Smith Bell and Company, Ltd., and plans to continue with his business in the Philippine Islands.

Lieutenant Vincent J. Meola, of the United States Navy, was a passenger through Hongkong recently. He is going to the Philippines to report to the Commandant of the 16th Naval District there. Lt. Meola has been on duty in the United States.

Commander Ryland D. Tisdale, of the United States Navy, passed through the Colony recently. The Commander is to join the 16th Naval District at Cavite, P.I. He has been on duty in Southern California, in the U.S.

Honorable Jose Yulo, of the National Assembly of the Philippines passed through Hongkong recently. The Honorable Yulo has been attending meetings with the President of the United States concerning Philippine legislation. He was accompanied by his wife and private secretary. He plans to take up his official duties with the Philippine Government.

A grant of H.K.\$10,000 for the purchase of medical supplies for the period Jan. to June, 1941, for the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps, under the direction of Dr. Wong Man, has been approved by the Board of Administrators of the British War Fund for Relief or Distress in China.

Gnr. G. Khan, of Mount Davis Fort, has reported the theft of clothing, valued at \$57.62, from his quarters on Jan. 12.

LONDON COMMENT ON CHINA'S CUSTOMS REVENUE, LOAN SERVICE

The ECONOMIST, in an article, said that although it is highly improbable that any direct benefit can accrue to the bondholders until the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese war, investors of Chinese securities secured on the Chinese Customs revenue should be encouraged by the satisfactory improvement in the 1940 total.

Despite all interruptions to trade in 1940, the total Customs revenue rose from \$331,320,000 to \$475,740,000 (Chinese currency).

No payment was made during 1940 on loans secured by the Customs revenue. As far as the Chinese Government is concerned, the estimated share of service on foreign obligations secured by the Customs revenue in ports still in Chinese hands, amounting to \$8,229,413 (Chinese currency) for 1940, has been duly placed at the Central Bank of China where it is held in trust.

SUITABLE TERMS

No transfer, however, has been made owing to the high proportion of the revenue accruing to the Japanese in occupied ports. The default was occasioned purely by the political situation in the Far East and prospects of resumption of payment depend wholly on the possibility of making suitable terms with the Japanese authorities or their expulsion by the Chinese Government.

Regarding loans secured by Chinese railways, the outlook, the Economist commented, is more complex. It is possible that these

BRITISH BLOCKADE NOW IN GERMAN HEADLINES

Position Is Factor To Be Taken Into Account

"The British blockade is now on the front page and in the headlines in Germany. It looms larger and larger and the position has now become a factor to be taken into account, whatever they plan to do," said MR. LEONARD INGRAMS, the well-known economist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on what the British blockade has accomplished.

"In recent weeks," said Mr. Ingrams, "the German wireless and press have been speaking about the efforts of the Germans to blockade Great Britain, and how that is going to bring us to our knees."

ITALY JOINS IN CHORUS

"Italy too has joined in the chorus and has claimed some of the credit for the defeat which has already been inflicted on us, according to their point of view, by Italian and German submarine attacks on our shipping."

Mr. Ingrams declared that all these German and Italian statements blamed Britain for not admitting this defeat and put it down to just British pigheadedness.

"They have not only got their facts wrong," said Mr. Ingrams, "but having held Britain responsible for preventing food supplies from reaching the starving people of Europe, they are now beginning to gloat over the efficiency of blockade when they employ it themselves."

PAPER VICTORIES

"Now we hear that they have added another victory—on paper, of course—to the long list of crushing defeats they have inflicted on Britain in the matter of this blockade."

"And yet arms, tanks, munitions and food supplies are continuing to reach us and to reach our forces in Egypt with the protection which our navy is giving these things."

Mr. Ingrams went on to say how the sympathy of the world was with the people in the territories occupied by Germany and how the Germans were making the best use of the situation in order to discredit Britain at every turn.

NAZI CAMPAIGN

"This confusion of the German propagandists is part and parcel of the German campaign. All that we know is that for every move of the Germans we have a reply ready as long as the war lasts."

Mr. Ingrams went on to state how when the British blockade first started, the enemy treated the whole subject with the utmost unconcern. With their short war plan, the Germans did not take the facts that they now knew into consideration.

Now the German time-table had been upset and the British blockade however much it might have affected individuals, had already shortened the war by months and of the two evils it was not difficult to see which they should choose from the humanitarian point of view.

HITLER'S VICTIMS

"In the meantime," said Mr. Ingrams, "the people in the invaded countries of Europe are slowly recovering from the shock of their position. They had been stunned for a moment, and one day they will throw off the German yoke."

"Men and women are by nature free. They will not accept slavery, which they will come to recognise however prettily it is made up to look like a good thing."

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT—

INVASION:

"No invasion of this island can possibly succeed. There is no doubt of that in my mind," said MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, B.B.C. commentator, broadcasting on "News From Home" from London yesterday. "Herr Hitler has probably got a bit fed up with us—as he must be when he sees what is happening with the British advance in Libya."

Mr. Marshall mentioned in the course of his talk that he intended taking a holiday soon and the question was where to go.

"I do not think it will be very exhilarating to spend my winter evenings among a lot of elderly evacuees," he said, "and there is nothing organised for pleasure these days. But mind you, there are still places in the British Isles where the war seems pretty remote still."

RATIONING:

MR. MARSHALL went on to refer to the latest rationing orders and said that the fact that hotel menus did not include cheese was not going to put them out at all.

"I have no doubt," he said, "that we are all ready to live more frugally. In fact, a lot of people have asked me why we did not give up eating cheese before. The fact is that we have been too comfortable."

SPIRIT OF THE WAR:

TALKING OF THE SPIRIT of the people in Britain, Mr. Marshall said: "I am sure that all we ask for is to be told what to do and we will do it."

"We are going all out to win this war and we want our sailing orders."

"Many people are already planning about a post-war Britain," said Mr. Marshall. "What is certain is that we are not going to scuttle back into the sort of country we knew before. The ordinary man's wants are simple—they are based on individual freedom of opinion. In every small way, all of us cannot only watch history being made, but help towards making it."

WAR EFFORTS:

MR. MARSHALL referred to the cheering news of the decision to build five new battleships of the King George Class and the enthusiasm with which the new air training scheme for boys had been received.

"Our war effort," he said, "gathers momentum day by day. Sometimes we may be critical of this or that, but there it is and there is nothing to stop this progress towards what we are striving to obtain for the whole world."

JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION: PEOPLE LEFT IN DARK

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—The Japanese Government was asked in an editorial today, by the CHUGAI SHOGYO SHIMPO, leading commercial daily, headed by Mr. Tokichi Tanaka, former Ambassador to Moscow, to take necessary steps to rectify the existing situation which finds the people groping in the dark in regard to the state of relations between Japan and the Soviet Union.

Churchill, Halifax, Hopkins At Palace

Lord Halifax, the new British Ambassador to the United States, had lunch with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, was also received at the Palace.

It was the Premier's first visit to their Majesties since the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative in London, was also received in audience by the King, and remained at the Palace for some time.

TOKYO ACTION AGAINST SPIES

Forty-one Cases Last Year

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—Forty-one cases of infringement of various anti-espionage laws involving 51 persons, including one foreigner, were dealt with by the Tokyo District Court Prosecutors' Office last year.

Violated statutes included the fortified zone law, law for protecting military secrets and the law for protecting military resources.

The bulk of the offenders were camera enthusiasts who took snapshots. Ninety per cent. of those charged were indicted, four being sentenced.

"MANOEUVRES"

OSAKA, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—"Anti-sabotage manoeuvres" will be held here for three days beginning Jan. 15.

They are designed to practice means to combat possible attempts by enemy agents to lower the nation's war-time productive capacity by destroying or damaging plants and other industrial facilities.

DEATH OF MR. J. JOYCE

WAS AUTHOR OF "ULYSSES"

The death was announced in London yesterday of MR. JAMES JOYCE, the well-known author, at the age of 58. He will be specially remembered for his novel "Ulysses" which was banned in London for some time.

Mr. Joyce was born in Dublin and had lived in Paris, Rome, Trieste and Zurich. His publications included Pomes Penyeach (verses), Exiles (play), A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (fiction), Chamber Music (verses).

Mr. Joyce was a B.A. of the Royal University, Dublin, and was the son of John Joyce and Mary Murray. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College and Belvedere College, Ireland.

A successful Whist Drive was held at the West Lounge of Y.M.C.A. last evening when a large number of Servicemen attended.

Greeks Make Progress N.W. Of Klisura

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enemy the Greeks have captured another large quantity of arms and equipment and many of the prisoners did not hide their relief at having finished with the war.

The Greek Ministry of National Security states that the total number of hostages consisting of priests and teachers and others amount to 500 at least.

An air raid alarm was sounded at Athens yesterday and lasted one hour.

With regard to the Anglo-Japan and Japan American situation, the paper says information comes to the people making it possible for them to guess the actual position of affairs.

But concerning the Soviet Union there is so little information that the people are in the dark concerning the actual situation.

The paper also points out there is no information available which will shed light on the status of fisheries negotiations which the people are led to understand, would be brought to a conclusion by the end of last month.

"We look in vain," it adds, "for brightening relations between Japan and the Soviet Union which are supposed to result from the conclusion of the Tripartite alliance."

AN OPEN CHALLENGE

Passage of President Roosevelt's lease or lend Bill is tantamount to an open challenge to the Axis, declares the YOMIURI SHIMBUN, one of the three largest Tokyo newspapers, and urges the Axis to take all precautionary measures against eventualities.

The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, organ of the Japanese Army, says: "Japan must build the largest fleet in the world and organise the largest army on earth, including a mechanised force, ready to engage in a two or three front war."

WIDESPREAD ATTENTION

The "lease and lend" Bill now before Congress, which would turn the United States into an "arsenal" for Great Britain and other democracies, is attracting widespread attention here and all metropolitan newspapers today splashed the text of the Bill under streamer headlines.

The Kokumin Shimbun compares the United States to an armed man run amuck and urges the Government to replenish armaments in view of the new situation.

The paper adds: "Japan must build the largest fleet in the world and organise the largest army on the globe including mechanised forces to be ready to engage in a two or three-front war."

S'HAH MEDICO SHOT

YOUTHFUL GUNMAN STILL AT LARGE

CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (Central).—A Japanese doctor is hovering between life and death in Shanghai as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by a Chinese youth near the intersection of the Nanking and Shansi Roads in the International Settlement yesterday afternoon, states a Shanghai dispatch.

The doctor, 58, is connected with the hospital of a Japanese flutist west of Wushih. He arrived in Shanghai last week-end on a visit.

Immediately following the shooting, Shanghai Municipal Police were despatched to cordon off the scene for a rigorous search which was without result. The assailant made a clean get-away.

Investigation into the incident is being conducted by the police and Japanese gendarmes.

A large quantity of cloth, valued at \$500, was reported stolen from a shop at No. 410, Queen's Road, West, between 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

Ground Defences And German Troops In Coastal Ports Attacked

Heavy day and night raids were carried out by the R.A.F. on enemy targets in GERMANY, FRANCE and ITALY, according to an Air Ministry announcement, quoted in a London message.

The communique reads: "During daylight yesterday raids were carried out by our fighters. Ships and ground defences and German troops in coastal ports were attacked. The attack was carried out by three Hurricane patrols.

NO CHANGE IN VICHY SITUATION

PETAIN SPEARHEAD OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE

"Yet another week has gone by without any change in the situation in Vichy," said MR. THOMAS CADET, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the situation in France.

"And yet this is in itself important news," he said, "because every single week of resistance by Marshal Petain against the German attempts to bully him into submission means that his position has become stronger both morally and materially.

"Marshal Petain is really the spearhead of the passive resistance and in occupied France his example is being followed most closely.

"People there are beginning to feel the presence of the invader in the flesh everywhere. They are witnessing the bitter lessons of defeat and in France the people are beginning to raise their heads again."

CONCERTED OFFENSIVE BY REICH, JAPAN PREDICTED

CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—An early hour and sudden offensive by Germany and Japan in Europe and Asia is predicted by a special diplomatic correspondent of the official Central Daily News.

A German offensive in the Balkans, the correspondent continued, will meet with resistance on the part of Bulgaria and Greece and possibly will result in a conflict of interests between Germany and Russia.

Meanwhile, as soon as Germany moves in Europe, Japan will move in the Pacific and also in the southern Pacific partly to carry out her southward expansion plan and partly to support Germany.

While encouraging Thailand's attack on southern French Indo-China, it is stated that Japan will, at the opportune moment, seize Saigon and southern Indo-China.

The correspondent attaches much significance to the presence of a large German mission in Japan as well as the visit of a Japanese military mission to Berlin, expressing the opinion that Germany and Japan will shortly intensify submarine warfare in the southern Pacific.

U.S. COTTON PRODUCTION

Government Scheme To Lower Surplus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—Because the war has virtually closed export markets the U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to offer cotton growers \$25,000,000 worth of cotton goods free if they reduce 1941 plantings sufficiently to cut one million bales from the Government's previous 12,000,000 bales objective.

Under the scheme, which is designed to prevent an increase in the already large cotton surplus, each cotton grower co-operating would receive Government stamps which could be used for the purchase of cotton goods in shops at retail prices. The Department of Agriculture would then redeem the stamps.

"The first of these came down to sea level and attacked a German E-boat. Another patrol attacked a second E-boat and then went on to machine-gun troops. A third attacked shipping including a two-masted schooner and smaller vessels.

"Three British fighters are missing."

DAYLIGHT PATROL

Another Air Ministry communique says that during daylight yesterday small formations of British fighters patrolled the FRENCH COAST and attacked troops as well as shipping and ground defences.

British planes were also over NORWEGIAN WATERS where direct hits were obtained on two merchant vessels which were also machine-gunned.

Channel ports were also raided, the targets including aerodromes and buildings, which were set alight, and a number of enemy aircraft on the ground, destroyed.

The R.A.F. also made an attack on BREST where warehouses were set on fire and the enemy-occupied harbour of LORIENT was also bombed.

From all of these operations no British aircraft were missing.

VERY HEAVY BOMBS

In the attack on TURIN, in Italy, the R.A.F. took with them a large number of very heavy bombs which were released together with a shower of incendiaries on the Royal arsenal.

The explosions that followed went on intermittently.

The Italians have established anti-aircraft positions on the slopes of the Alps but these gave little trouble to the British aircraft.

ATTACKS ON BRITAIN

Enemy air attacks on Britain were concentrated on London and places near the Thames Estuary and lasted for 3½ hours, stated a London message.

Many incendiary bombs were dropped and fires started but the situation was brought quickly under control. The casualties were not heavy.

In one town there was considerable damage to house property but the fire-fighters were on the job soon after the flames started.

Lease Or Lend Bill

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MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, in a comment on the Bill, said, "This is a critical moment in history. Our aim is not so much to keep America out of war but to keep the war out of America. Democracy is in danger."

Mr. Willkie is expected to leave the United States next week on a private visit to Britain when he hopes to see members of the British Government personally.

PERSONAL SURVEY

LONDON, Jan. 13 (BWS).—Much interest has been aroused here by the announcement that Mr. Wendell Willkie proposes to make a private visit to England for a personal survey of the war situation.

Although no stranger to England, it is five or six years since he last visited the country where he has many friends.

The prospect of his visit is the more welcome owing to Mr. Willkie's support of his former opponent's proposals for aid to the democracies. He repudiated yesterday the suggestion that the national security of the United States was not involved in Britain's defeat.

OPINION ON BILL

In his announcement of the forthcoming visit, which it is reported will probably take place within the next fortnight, the journey being made by air, Mr. Willkie gave his opinion on President Roosevelt's Lend or Lease Arms Bill. While conceding that the Bill sought an enormous grant of executive power, Mr. Willkie added:

"I have examined the Bill in

the light of current emergency and I personally have come to the conclusion that with modification, it should be adopted."

FRIENDLY WE COME

A statement from London says that Mr. Wendell Willkie will get a very friendly welcome when he arrives in London. His visit is quite informal but he will meet most of the country's leaders.

SINO-SOVIET TRADE PACT

Chinese Army Organ Welcomes Agreement

CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (Reuter).—The third and final section of the Sino-Soviet barter agreement was signed at the end of December, according to the Sam Nang Pao news organ of the Chinese Army.

This last section involves Soviet purchase of Chinese mineral products in exchange for Soviet machinery and other supplies.

The total amount involved in the barter agreement is said to be several hundred million dollars and is said to be a record figure in Sino-Soviet trade relations.

The paper adds that all the goods concerned in the agreement must be handed over to the respective parties before the end of the year.

The Chinese daily hails the signature of the agreement as further proof of increased Soviet assistance to China.

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Italy's Present Position Compared With Il Duce's Previous Boasts

"What a tragedy it is for the Italian people that Signor Mussolini should have taken the present opportunity to announce to them that only 343 Italians are missing from the operations in Libya," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. news commentator, in the course of a broadcast from London on Sunday.

Mr. Lakin was referring to the situation in Libya and to the fact that the Germans, on the other hand, had made up their minds to face the fact that the Italian situation in the Western Desert was practically hopeless.

STAGE WELL SET

"With General Wavell's advance army on its way to Derna and Benghazi, the stage is well set for the taking of the whole of Cyrenaica," said Mr. Lakin. "With that advance, the command of our navy over the Mediterranean becomes more and more undisputed. Alexandria, 350 miles away, used to be the navy's only base in the Eastern Mediterranean. Now, owing to the intervention of the Greeks, the Navy has found a base

at Crete and if we get Derna, the navy will have full control of the Eastern Mediterranean.

"What a tragedy it is for the Italian people that Signor Mussolini should take this opportunity for announcing to his people that only 343 Italians are missing from the operations in Libya! This when the world has seen photographs of lines of prisoners 'plodding wearily across the desert."

"Is it not incredible that Signor Mussolini thinks he can keep the truth from his people much longer? Cannot he see the inevitable end of his regime when the truth becomes known? Let me give you the picture he painted for his people some time ago.

THEN AND NOW

"Addressing them, he said: 'The defeat of Britain in Somaliland has been complete. The Fascist forces have taken the initiative and all British attempts to create disorder in Italy's African Empire have miserably failed. In Libya also it was the Italian army which attacked and the swift advance of the Italian army must not be considered a conclusion, but only a prologue.'

"Signor Mussolini then claimed that the Italian navy was supreme in the Adriatic and he concluded: 'The Italian Air Force is now, as always, moving quickly to its task. It dominates the skies!'

"That was Signor Mussolini's picture two months ago," said Mr. Lakin. "We all know what it is today. I wonder what he will be able to say about his African Empire in two months' time. His boast is as famous as Herr Hitler's well known communique after the collapse of France when he said that the war in the west had been brought to an end. Herr Hitler thought then that the capitulation of Britain would follow.

POSITION TODAY

"What is the position today?

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The war in the west is so far from being over that Herr Hitler, Field Marshal Goering and Dr. Goebbels have had to threaten us again. The truth is that France, humiliated and beaten as she is, has more influence in Europe today than Italy. It may be a long time before Italy is finally beaten, but she has already been humiliated and the effect of this is not lost on Herr Hitler.

"We know, therefore, what we will have to expect in the next few months. But world opinion was expressed by President Roosevelt when he said that Herr Hitler cannot win this war. We are not, however, fighting for our own freedom only and all those we are fighting for are hurrying as fast as they can with all the help they can give us."

Revolt Of Abyssinians Reaching Proportions Of Strategic Importance

THE REVOLT OF THE ABYSSINIANS IN EAST AFRICA IS NOW REACHING PROPORTIONS OF GREAT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE, states a message from Australia.

The Italians are finding it extremely difficult to keep the Abyssinian divisions together and the formation of new Abyssinian armies under stricter Italian control is announced.

A report from Abyssinia states men will return to their villages that Emperor Haile Selassie is to organise their revolt.

General Smuts, the South African Prime Minister, in a statement yesterday, said, "Previously we helped to neutralise 200,000 Italians. The time for action has now come."

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BERLIN, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — "A
cruiser and several other warships
received heavy hits in a fresh
attack on English naval units in
the Mediterranean" state sves-
terday's German High Command
communiqué.

It also reports that "an enemy
merchandise ship of 8,000 tons was
sunk in Irish waters and another
ship of 3,000 tons sunk off the
east coast of England."

Sunday night's raid on London,
the communiqué adds, was carried
out by "strong bomber formations
and numerous fires testified to
their success."

Regarding the British raids
over Germany, it says: "A few
high explosive and incendiary
bombs were dropped in ports of
Germany, seriously damaging one
house, killing three people and
seriously injuring three others."

Germany's Oil Supplies

BELIEVED SUFFICIENT IN QUANTITY,
BUT DEFICIENT IN QUALITY

There is considerable speculation as to how the supply of oil in Germany has been affected by the blockade and aerial attacks. How much, to begin with, does she need? The total amount of oil produced in and imported into Germany, including alcohol and benzole, during 1938 was approximately 7,500,000 tons. A small amount will have been re-exported. Probably at that date reserves were built up, so that the consumption may be considered as between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 tons in that year.

How much oil would be required under war conditions? There are reasons for estimating that the present German consumption is no greater than the pre-war consumption. Aviation spirit and certain other products are used in greater quantities, but the saving by restricting the use of petrol for private motorists is probably much greater than the increased consumption on aviation, writes Harold Moore.

CARS AND PLANES

The fighter aeroplane uses about sixty gallons of petrol an hour, the average bomber over a hundred gallons an hour, and probably the average machine in flight uses something in the region of a hundred gallons an hour. The average motor-vehicle probably uses about two gallons an hour. Thus fifty motor-cars are equivalent to one aeroplane, or one million motor-cars in actual service are equivalent to 20,000 aeroplanes in actual service.

As in England there are over two million motor-cars registered, and a large number of these are operating many hours a day (particularly commercial vehicles and buses), it is clear that the consumption of the Air Force is relatively small. The British pre-war consumption of petrol was about 3,500,000 gallons a day, or 35,000 aeroplanes flying hours. This is to say, sufficient to send 7,000 bombers on a five-hour flight every day.

It is difficult to estimate what the actual consumption of aviation petrol is, but such calculations indicate that the aviation spirit consumption must be small relative to the pre-war automobile consumption. The consumption of lubricating oil is about proportional to the consumption of petrol, and the heavier fuels, which represent about 50 per cent. of the total petroleum consumption of any particular country, are not required in any greater ratio for war service than for peace service; in fact, they are more readily replaced by solid fuel than is petrol.

LARGE AMOUNT

Army transport, including the use of heavy mobilised columns, certainly consumes a very large amount of spirit, but the number of vehicles employed is comparatively small compared with the peace-time number of automobiles in operation. Bearing these various factors in mind, it appears to the writer that, provided that the use of automobiles and road wagons for normal transport service is heavily restricted, there is no reason why the total consumption of petrol should increase in war-time.

The question of quality is a much more serious factor. The petrol used for automobiles is not of the same quality as that re-

British China
SquadronAcknowledgement To
Far East Donors

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — The R.A.F. is to have a fighter Squadron named "British China Squadron." Planes in this squadron are being purchased by funds contributed by the Shanghai Voluntary War Contribution Fund. This has come about by a message received by the British Embassy from the Foreign Office, asking if there was likelihood of the Fund reaching £100,000, and saying that for that figure it would be possible to purchase a squadron of fighter planes to be identified with donors from China. Shanghai replied that it was hoped that the Fund would reach £100,000 in the near future, suggesting that the name of the squadron be "British China Squadron" and that the type of plane be left to the decision of the Air Ministry.

quired for aviation, and there is no doubt that the Germans are unable to obtain as high quality of petrol as the R.A.F. Aviation petrol usually consists of selected natural petrol obtained by straight distillation, blended with a large proportion of certain special high octane value ingredients, such as iso-octane. The resulting fuel will give a greater horsepower per unit of fuel when employed in an engine designed to use these particular products.

Before the war the majority of aeroplanes were running on a fuel of either 77 or, more usually, 87 octane number; 77 was becoming obsolete. It is probable that since the war the quality of fuel used by the R.A.F. has been improved to a figure over 87, whilst the Germans, owing to restriction of supplies, had to continue using a fuel of 87 octane number. (The use of the low-grade fuel undoubtedly reduces the efficiency of the engines, and this is a considerable disadvantage to the German Air Force.)

Iso-octane can only be produced in comparatively small quantities from crude oil; the main production is in America, where there exists a large market for other petroleum products, and where the necessary complex and expensive plant is available. In view of the British position with America and the large refining capacity which Britain possesses in other countries, there is every reason to suppose that she has ample supplies of iso-octane.

GERMAN RESERVES

It is difficult to estimate how much oil lay in stock in Germany before the war, but there is little doubt that the whole of the storage capacity in Germany was full. Immediately before the war both Germany and Italy imported large quantities of Mexican oil, which was thrown on to the market at a low price as a result of the dispute between the Mexican Government and the major oil companies. This cheap source of supply was of great advantage to both Germany and Italy, and they filled up stocks both of crude and finished products from this source. One might reasonably suppose that they would have about one year's supply in hand when the war broke out.

German home production of petroleum, mainly obtained from the Hanover field, was about 650,000 tons per annum in 1938, but the Nazi policy was to drill heavily in the Hanover district and hold down the production after the wells had been completed, with a view to retaining this as a reserve stock in case of war.

It is highly probable that since the outbreak of war the production from the Hanover field has considerably increased under in-

NIGHT RAIDERS
OVER LONDONBOMBS JETTISONED
ON MARSHLAND

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — For the second night in succession, London appeared to be the main target of the German Air Force on Sunday night, when bombs were dropped in various parts of the capital.

Night fighters as well as anti-aircraft guns were in action. Over the Thames estuary, the raiders met with intense anti-aircraft fire and some bombs were jettisoned on marshland.

Other raiders are reported from Liverpool, a north-east town and in the vicinity of a town in West England.

BOMBER DESTROYED

One enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on Saturday night, states an Air Ministry communiqué, which adds that there is nothing to report during daylight yesterday.

Severe
Fighting In
Cambodia

BANKOK, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — Thai forces are continuing their advance into Cambodia and have seized further French positions according to the Thai High Command communiqué.

The air force is sending effective co-operation and severe fighting is developing, the communiqué continues.

Unofficial reports state that the Thai Army has already occupied large stretches of Cambodian territory and that Thai bombers have raided many important towns in Indo-China.

Hitherto no French aircraft have visited Bangkok but every precaution has been taken and A.R.P. measures are in force.

DECOUX COMMUNIQUE

HANOI, Jan. 13 (Reuter) — A communiqué issued by Adm. Decoux claims that on Jan. 10 French fighters brought down in flames two Thai planes bombing Siam.

The communiqué adds that

Ipoh's New Buildings
Worth Million Dollars

More than a million dollars worth of buildings were completed during the year in Ipoh, the majority of them being dwelling houses, says the Malaya Tribune.

The major scheme, and by far the most important, was the completion of the clerical settlement in Ashby Road where more than 120 quarters were put up for Government employees.

These houses are a break from the usual type of wooden structures. Built of brick and cement, this settlement cost in the neighbourhood of \$500,000. The main road through the settlement has been named Fifth Avenue.

The other buildings erected were private enterprises. The biggest of these is the block of eight three-storey houses in Brewster Road belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Chua Cheng Bok. Business cum residential flats, the block has been occupied by leading firms in the State.

Opposite that is another office block for the same owners, both blocks costing nearly \$200,000.

The opening of the Rex Cinema, leased by Messrs. Shaw Brothers from the estate of the late Mr. Foo Nyit Sze, saw yet another modern picture palace for the town. The building cost about \$100,000.

Before the new year gets old, another cinema for Ipoh will be completed. Built by Mr. Lim Ying Kim of Tapah the cinema is situated in Chamberlain Road and is estimated to cost about \$70,000.

Intensive development and running for maximum production without conserving the stock. This oil would have to be refined in the German refineries.

Certainly the refining capacity will be greatly in excess of the home-produced crude oil production, apart from the question of injury sustained to such plant during the raids. The refining of imported crude oil was carried out on a large scale in Germany immediately before the war, largely on Mexican crude.

One of the largest refineries was in Hamburg (Euro-tank Refinery). The importation of crude oil at the present time is probably extremely small, so that these refineries are available for treating the home production.

HUNDRED
SOLDIERS
IN ONE
BOMBER

Details of the Douglas Bomber B.19, which has been built to fly to Europe and back with "a heavy load of bombs" without touching the ground, have been revealed by General H. H. Arnold, chief of the U.S.A. Air Corps.

The new machine is the largest in the world in bulk, range and power developed. Four Wright-Cyclone engines develop 8,000 horsepower. The range is 7,500 miles—three times as much as the most powerful U.S. naval destroyers.

TWO DAYS IN AIR

As a transport plane it can carry 100 soldiers with full equipment. Equipped as a trans-Atlantic passenger plane there is room for 125 passengers, with all the necessary accommodation found on luxury liners.

With storage petrol tanks capable of holding 11,000 gallons, the B.19 can remain two days in the air, while passengers can relax in sound-proof cabins.

In case of engine-breakdown the engine casing is so constructed that repairs can be carried out while the machine is travelling in the air.

OUT OF A.A. RANGE

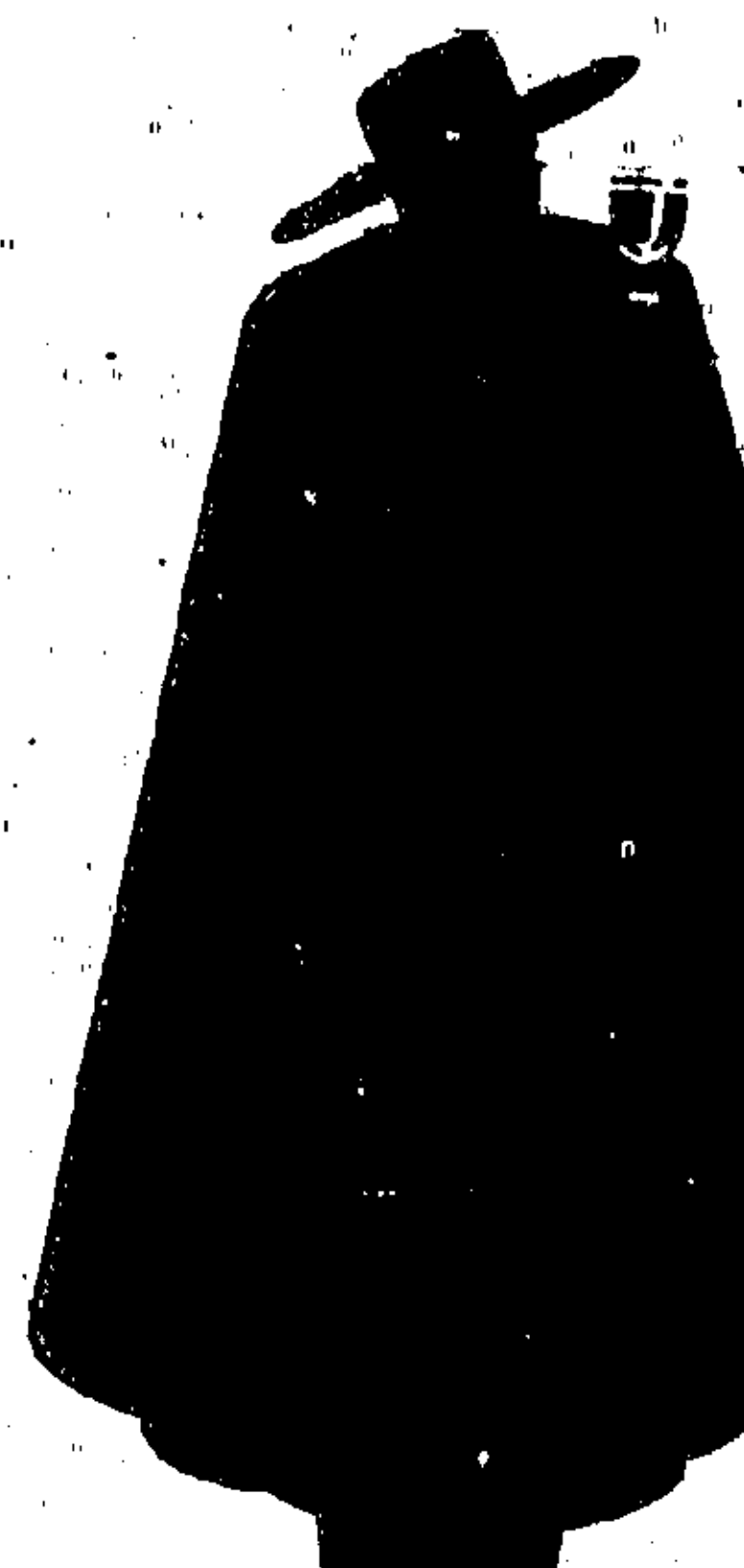
Five years has been spent in research, three years in engineering, and two years in construction. The plane, says General Arnold, is even far ahead in design of other planes now in the draughting-board stage.

To keep out of range of anti-aircraft shells an oxygen system has been installed, capable of generating sufficient oxygen for "a normal crew" for 100 hours. The army will have full charge of the testing of the machine.

"The B.19 will be the experimental model of long-distance planes of the future," General Arnold said.

French planes bombed Prachinbur, on the Aranya-Bangkok Railway, and also Cubon, Siazaket, Prachinabour and Arakee.

Adm. Decoux categorically denies the news published that French planes intended to bomb Bangkok.



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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 18th January, 1941.

Commencing at 11 A.M.

at the godowns of The China Navigation Co., Ltd., West Point

Ex Steamer	Arrived Date	Marks & Numbers	Pkges. Cargo
"Kaying"	25.3.36	May M. Moore Gloucester House	2 Glass and Woodware
"Anshun"	13.4.36	N/M	5 Old Motor Parts
"Shantung"	23.7.36	U T	17 Ply Wood
"Taiyuan"	20.8.37	C H KONG	1 Paper Card
"Shantung"	28.11.37	CHC	6 Book
"Klungchow"	30.11.37	CHC	7 Book
"Soochow"	16.12.37	F K	1 Paper Box
"Newchang"	8.3.40	M.D. Chow	2 Woodware

(The above will be sold unless cleared in the meantime).

also

(for account of the concerned)

A QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

comprising:—

Cotton Yarn, Gypsum, Nails, Bolts and nuts, Deer Skin, Beans, Groundnut Kernels, Wooden Ware, etc.

and

(for account of the Liquidators)

1 case Water fitting
3 tins Wood oil
1 drum Motor Oil

Terms: Cash on delivery
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LAMMERT BROS.,
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WINTER CLOTHES

Women's, Men's & Children's
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Monday & Thursday

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10 to 12 Noon.

Fitch Praises Progress
In Free China

Speaking at the Rotary Club meeting in Shanghai, Mr. George Fitch, China-born American social service leader, who was formerly Secretary-General of the Y.M.C.A. in Nanking, praised highly the surprising progress in Free China which he said was made possible by the energetic spirit of the people, according to a Shanghai report.

Mr. Fitch said that he had visited Kunming, capital of Yunnan, twice. During the first visit three years ago he noticed that there was only one cotton mill there but on his second visit a year later he found 36 big factories and many more under erection.

Similar progress, Mr. Fitch declared, can be found in other parts of Free China. The inter-city railway system has been especially rapidly developed. One of the railways, measuring 137 miles in length, was constructed in sixty days.

ONLY AT NIGHT

Recounting his experience of Japanese aerial bombings in Free China, Mr. Fitch said that on his way from Hongkong to the interior of China he travelled only at night

to avoid Japanese air raids. Despite widespread Japanese raids, the Chinese displayed remarkable calm and determination to continue the war and not one of them complained about his sufferings.

Mr. Fitch said that he was glad to have the chance to see the birth of New China. The present Chinese unity and solidarity is unprecedented and in a way the war is a blessing to China. What would take several generations to accomplish has been done in China in three years.

Concluding, Mr. Fitch stated that China's needs today are motor vehicles and gasoline and fighter and bomber planes. In his opinion the rise of commodity prices in China is largely due to inadequacy of transport facilities. (Central News).

JAPAN TO HAVE WAR-TIME TRADE COUNCIL

Spain's entry into the war, and more active collaboration with the Axis powers, might also endanger Britain's alternative route to her colonies and the east—that is, the

BERLIN, Jan. 13 (Reuter)—The Rumanian Minister in Sofia, M. Filotti, has returned to Bucharest to report, states the official German News Agency.

"This would be in keeping with our objective of 'recognising the worthiness of all useful occupations' and it would surely be a step towards the 'development of acquaintance as an opportunity.'"

-150 YEARS' GROWTH
Labour unionism, Mr. Jenkins

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY 13 JAN.	Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Mon
				Banks				
			\$1380	H.K. Banks				\$13
			282	Do. (Col. Reg.)				282
			2784	Do. (Lon. Reg.)				2784
			288	Chartered Banks				288
			227	Mercantile Bks. "A"				227
			\$108	Mercantile Hks. "C"				\$108
\$75				Bank of East Asia	\$75			13
				N. C. & S. Banks				
				Insurances				
\$206				Canton Insurances				\$206
\$405				Union Insurances				\$405
			\$1	Underwriters				\$1
\$165				H.K. Fires				\$165
				Shipping				
			\$135	Douglases				\$135
			\$11	Steamboats				\$11
			\$100	Indo-Chinas (Prof.)				\$100
			\$30	Indo-Chinas (Def.)				\$30
			45/7 1/2	Shells				45/7 1/2
			\$7	Waterboats				\$7
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
\$94				H.K. & K. Wharves				\$94
			\$5.85	Providents				\$5.85
			\$18.60	H.K. Docks (Old)				\$18
			\$18	H.K. Docks (New)				\$18
			\$35	+Shanghai Docks				\$35
				Mining				
			10/3	Kailans				10/3
			\$94	Ranhs	\$72			\$94
			1 1/2 cts.	Hong Kong Mines				1 1/2 cts.
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
			\$34	H.K. & S. Hotels				\$34
			\$34.50	H.K. Lands				\$34
			\$100	Do. 4% Ventures				\$100
			\$123	Shanghai Lands				\$123
			\$2.85	H.K. Realities				\$2.85
			\$7.85	Humbreys				\$7.85
			\$100	Chinese Estates				\$100
				Cotton Mills				
			\$44 1/2	Ewo (S.)				\$44 1/2
			\$305	Shai Cottons (S.)				\$305
				Zoong Sings (S.)				
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				
				Public Utilities				
\$17.85		\$17.80		H.K. Tramways	\$17.85			\$17.85
			\$7.40	Peak Trams (old)				\$7.40
\$61			\$2 1/2	Peak Trams (new)				\$61
\$24 1/2				Peak Ferry				\$24 1/2
			X Rta.	Ymatu Ferry	\$24 1/2			X Rta.
				China Lights (O)	X H.	\$61		
				China Lights (New)				
			\$40 1/2	H. K. Electric (Old)				\$40 1/2
			\$32.85	H. K. Electric (New)				\$32.85
			\$17 1/2	Macao Electric (Old)				\$17 1/2
			\$16 1/2	Macao Electric (New)				\$16 1/2
			\$11 1/2	Sandakan Lights				\$11 1/2
			\$25 1/2	Telephones (old)		\$25 1/2		\$25 1/2
			\$10.20	Telephones (new)				\$10.20
				Spore Tractions (Ord.)				
				Industrials				
			\$20	Cald., Macg. (Ord.) S				\$20
			\$25	Cald., Macg. (Prof.) S				\$25
			\$1	Cantor Mac				\$1
\$18.60				Cements		\$18.60		\$18.60
\$8				H.K. Ropes				\$8
				H.K. Govt. Loans				
			\$97 1/2	4% Loan				\$97 1/2
			\$94	3 1/2% " (1934)			\$94	\$94
			\$94	3 1/2% " (1940)				\$94
				Miscellaneous				
\$19.10				Dairy Farms				\$19.10
\$7				Entertainments	\$7			\$7
\$1.60				Constructions (old)				\$1.60
			\$1	Constructions (new)				\$1
			\$9	Lane Crawfords				\$9
				Nanyang Tobacco	\$2 1/2			\$2 1/2
			\$2.15	Sinceres				\$2.15
			\$11.30	Watsons		\$11 1/2		\$11.30
			49/47	C. B. 125GBBs				49/47
			\$29	H.K. Wing On				\$29
				Shai Wing On				\$1
				Vibro Piling				\$
	\$7.70			Margmans Inv. (Lon.)				
			2/6	Margmans Inv. (H.K.)				
			\$1.90	Wm. Powells				\$1
				China Lights (Rights)				\$6/90
				+Sale to Shanghai				
90 cts.		90 cts.						

NO COLOURING MATTER
NO INJURIOUS INGREDIENTS

B.F.R.D.C. Grant For Medical Supplies

Many American employers fight off unions in their plants because they do not like to be told by others, especially their employees, just what to do in their own plants" stated Mr. Jenkins.

"Labour is blazing a trail today along unmarked pathways. In the past, labour unions were essentially protective bodies and as such they have been largely on the defensive.

"Today they are taking up offensive positions. I have spoken of hostilities and opposition. But if I am reading the signs of the times aright, I am right in saying that the trend today is toward friendly and sympathetic co-operation between the employer and labour leader."

Statistics taken from the files of the National Labour Relations Board, concluded Mr. Jenkins, had

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

Announcements not exceeding 25 Words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-p
Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuter) —

Further vesting order transfers large number of additional American dollar securities to the British Treasury.

Forty-five stocks affected include, the American Tobacco Co. down six per cent, cumulative preferred, Anaconda Copper, First National Bank of the City of New York and General Motors 35 per cent cumulative preferred stock.

Sixty groups of bonds transferred include various issues of United States Treasury bonds and certain "bearer" and registered bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad.

HOTELS		
FOR JADED APPETITES! REAL RUSSIAN FOOD Tiffin \$1.00 • Dinner \$1.25		TEA DANCE DAILY EXCEPT MONDAYS 5 to 7.30 P.M.
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Lampett, 10, Wyndham Street
Tel. 4621
Tuesday, Nov. 26/23

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 13, 1941.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months sight
On Shanghai:	On demand 415
On Singapore:	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 102 1/2
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8	On Batavia:
On demand 43 3/4	On Paris:
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand 101 1/2
On Manila:	On demand 48 3/4
On Bangkok:	On demand 149
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 5/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Jan. 13.

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 5/16 for Ready and 23 1/4 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 3/4.

MARKET

Extremely dull.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 for Cash and 1/23 1/2 for February/June, possibly July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 3/4 for Cash, buyers at 23 1/16 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

A small business was done at 428 1/2. Closed with sellers at 428 1/4. Buyers at 429.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 1/2 3/2, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Stagnant.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 for Cash and 1/23 1/2 for February/June, possibly July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 23 3/4 for Cash, buyers at 23 1/16 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 428 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 1/2 3/2, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 13 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening Closing

London 0/3-7/16

New York 5-7/16

Japan 23-1/8

India 19

Paris nominal

Hongkong 22-7/8

Sterling

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-1/2 0/3-1/2

Jan. 0/3-1/2 0/3-1/2

Feb. 0/3-1/2 0/3-1/2

U. S. Dollars

Spot \$5-17/32 \$5-17/32

Jan. 5-17/32 5-1/2

Feb. 5-1/2 5-1/2

Market: Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

Wool Improvement Bureau

LANCHOW, Jan. 13 (Central).

A Northwest Wool Improvement Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has been established here. According to the director, Mr. Ku Chieh-chi, the Bureau's budget has been tentatively fixed at \$1,000,000 per year. Branches will be set up in Chahar and Chinghai. A competent personnel for animal husbandry will be trained.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.60	10.51	10.58	10.55N	.03 off
New York Rubber, March	20.09	20.08	20.08	20.06B	.02 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	1.00 off
Chicago Corn, May	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	1/2 off
New York Hides, March	13.63	13.55	13.62b	13.51B	.11 off

NEW YORK COTTON

Close Opening Closing Change

January 10.49 N 10.50a 10.46 N .03 off

March 10.58/59 10.54/55 .03 off

May 10.58/58 10.60/60 10.55/55 .03 off

July 10.47/47 10.49/49 10.47/48 .01 up

October 9.99/99 9.99/99 9.95/95 .04 off

December 9.95/95 9.95/95 9.92/92 .03 off

Total sales Friday—100,800 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March 20.08/08 20.09/08 20.06 B .02 off

May 19.97b 19.93b/20.00a 19.93 B .04 off

July (New contract) 19.80b unquoted 19.95b/78a .04 off

September 19.34 N unquoted 19.60 B .04 off

Total sales—90 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 87 1/2/87 1/2 37 1/2/87 1/2 86 1/2/86 1/2 .01 off

July 82 1/2/82 1/2 82 1/2/82 1/2 82 1/2/82 1/2 1/2 off

September 83 1/2/83 1/2 82 1/2/82 1/2 82 1/2/82 1/2 1/2 off

Friday's sales:—Unreceived.

CHICAGO CORN

May 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 1/2 off

July 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 1/2 off

September 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 62 1/2/62 1/2 1/2 off

NEW YORK HIDES

Total sales for the day—29 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

March 5.05/05 5.05/05 5.03 N .02 off

May 5.11/11 5.09b 5.10 N .01 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

March 2.00b/01a 2.00b/01a 2.00b/01a 1/2 up

May 2.05b/06a 2.05b/06a 2.05b/06a 1/2 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

March 74 1/2/75 74 1/2/75 74 1/2/75 1/2 up

May 77 1/2/78 77 1/2/78 77 1/2/78 1/2 up

Volume of business done—32 lots

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March 11.00b 10.98b/11.00a 11.08b/15a .15 up

July 11.05b/10a 11.00b/14a 11.05b/18a .08 up

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 10.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1952)

103-5/16

Defence Loan, 3 1/2 101

Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 13

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 44

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 42-47

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 26 1/2

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 47

Loan 17

Szechuan Rly. 5%, 1911 15

Szechuan Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 13

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5% 18

Hantsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15

Hantsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

Hantsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Hantsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 30 1/2

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 5 1/2

Chartered Bank 8 1/2

H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 78 1/2

H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.) 82

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 16 3/4

Chosen Corporation 4 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G" 10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 2 1/2

Shanghai Electric Co. 15 1/2

Shanghai Waterworks "A" 13 1/2

Union Insurance 20

Gula Kalumpung Rubber Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 15 1/2

Great Western Rly. 38 1/2

National Bank of India 32

R.A. Tob (bearer) 33 1/2

Sri Lanka Rubber 33 1/2

Sri Lanka Aeroplane 9 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind. 30 1/2

United Steel 22 1/2

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Although a steady undertone prevails the volume remains negligible.

Buyers

Union Ins., \$405.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$165.

Wharves, \$94.

Humphreys, \$7.75.

Trams, \$17.90.

Star Ferries, \$81.

Lights Rts., 90 Cts.

Entertainments, \$7.

Constructions (O), \$1.60.

Sellers

Lights Rts., 95 Cts.

Cements, \$18.60.

Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

Sales

H.K. Banks, \$1380.

Hotels, \$3.50.

Trams, \$18.

Lights Rts., 90/95 Cts.

Electrics, \$18.60.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, Jan. 13, 1941.

SALES

China Lights Rts. 699 \$.95

150 .90

100 .85

1,000 .95

150 .95

H.K. Docks (O) 100 18.50

1,000 .95

K. Tramways 1,800 18.00

H.K. Hotels 500 3.50

500 3.50

5,999

The total value is \$40,688.55.

SHANGHAI TRAM FARES INCREASED

The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved the petition of the Tramway Company in the International Settlement for the increase of fares by 35 per cent. effective within this month, according to a Shanghai dispatch. (Central News).

Woolworths 53 7/8

Maraman Investments 7 1/6

Western Holdings 11

Sub-Nigel 155

Shell Trans. & Trad. 45 7/8

(bearer) 45 7/8

—bid. —ex div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

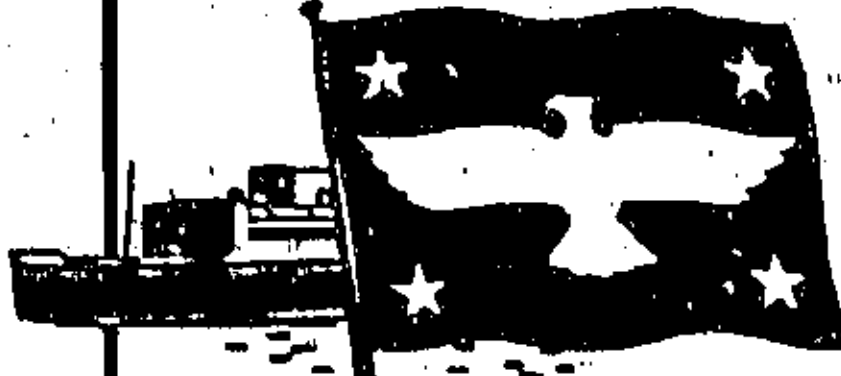
QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 12, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 11	STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 11
Adams Express	7 1/2	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	24	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	38 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	32 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73*	Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2
Amer. Can.	94 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	37	Montgomery Ward	39
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	14	Mt. City Copper Co.	30 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	18 1/2	National Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	19 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	7 1/2	National Distillers	24 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. Sling and R'ing Co.	44 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	187 1/2	New York Central	14 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	74 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	17
Amer. Waterworks	28 1/2	N. American Aviation	17
Anaconda Copper	7 1/2	North American Co.	17
Atchafalaya, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Aviation Corp.	51	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	48 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	41	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10	Pan-American Airways	15
Barnes Oil	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	12
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24
Bethlehem Steel	88	Philadelphia Read. Coal	4 1/2
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Borg-Warner	19 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	31	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Case, J.I.	57	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Celanese	28*	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	44	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	70 1/2	Revere Corp.	10 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	42	Reynold Tobac. "B"	34
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	Safeway Stores	44 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	23	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Continental Can	39 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Oil	20	Socomy-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Southern Ry. \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	37 1/2
Deere & Co.	22 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18	Stand Gas & Elec.	14 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78	Standard Oil of California	20 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	162 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Stone & Webster	8 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	36 1/2	Studebaker Com.	84
Elec. Autolite	33 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	44	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	58*	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pfd.	65 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	37 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	34 1/2	Timken-Axle	33 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55	20th Cent. Fox	7 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Motors	10 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	70 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	48	Union Pacific	85 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	United Aircraft	43 1/2
Glidden Co.	14 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	64 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	29 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	19 1/2	United Gas Corp.	10 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	United Gas Improvement	2 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	27 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23

PRESIDENT LINER Sailings



TO SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES
via SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU
S.S. "PRESIDENT TAFT" Jan. 19
S.S. "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" Feb. 5
S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" Feb. 22

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Mr. J. Amado Araneta, Mr. E. A. Keeble, Mr. Himatmal Ladharam, Mr. H. Naraindas.

ARRIVALS

The following arrived in Hongkong at the week-end:

Mr. Carl Mydans, Mrs. Shelley Smith Mydans, Mr. Geo. F. A. Stevens.

IN TRANSIT

Mr. W. J. L. Atkins, Dr. Augusto S. Bessa, Mrs. Augusto S. Bessa, Rt. Rev. N. S. Binsted, Mrs. N. S. Binsted, Mr. T. S. Boon-Long, Mrs. Ar-ane Chevrer, Mstr. Georges Chevrer, Mr. N. Crainic, Mr. Jose Luis Eljora, Mrs. K. Ennenberg, Miss C. Friedlger, Mr. Ignacio Gonzalez, Mr. C. C. Grinnell, Mr. Jesus Hildado, Miss Edith E. Husted, Dr. E. Jacoby, Mr. A. T. Kay, Lt. Vincent J. Meola, U.S.N., Rev. F. R. Millard, Mrs. F. R. Millard, Mr. Francisco R. Onate, Mrs. Josefa Reich, Mr. A. M. Skudre, Comdr. Ryland D. Tisdale, U.S.N., Mr. Bernardo Trebol, Mr. Nicasio W. Wangco, Mrs. Nicasio W. Wangco, Hon. Jose Yulo, Mrs. Jose Yulo.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Jan. 13.

Barometer, (at sea level) 30.10 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 85 per cent.

Wind Direction, ENE.

Wind Force (Beaufort) 2.

Temperature: Maximum yesterday 65 F.

Temperature: minimum last night 59 F.

Rainfall, for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, 0.36 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 0.39 ins.

Against an average of, 0.32 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.59 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.05 a.m.

4 p.m., Jan. 13.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.05 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 84 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 63 F.

Minimum temperature, 59 F.

Rainfall, 0.01 ins.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 14 to 20 Jan. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues. 14	10 44	4 6	04 17	0 5	
	21 39	8 1	15 12	3 0	
Wed. 15	11 20	4 7	04 56	0 4	
	22 23	8 0	15 54	3 0	
Thur. 16	11 58	4 9	05 32	0 5	
	23 07	7 6	16 37	2 9	
Fri. 17	12 37	5 1	06 11	0 7	
	23 56	7 2	17 26	3 0	
Sat. 18			06 48	1 2	
	13 24	5 2	18 21	3 1	
Sun. 19	00 49	6 4	07 27	1 6	
	14 12	5 4	19 39	3 2	
Mon. 20	01 54	5 5	08 11	0 9	
	15 08	5 6	21 11	3 2	

DECREASE IN COLONY'S WATER STORAGE

DESPITE THE HEAVY RAINFALL OF LAST YEAR, A DECREASE IN THE COLONY'S STORAGE OF WATER ON JAN. 1, 1941, as against the total storage on Jan. 1, 1940, is recorded in the water returns for the month of December, 1940.

On the Island, the total storage was 1,524.81 million gallons against 1,566.52 million gallons on Jan. 1, 1940.

CONSUMPTION PER HEAD

The estimated population for last year was 830,000 on the Island, compared with 960,000 in 1939, but the consumption of water per head was 19.1 gallons per day in 1940, against a consumption of 16.7 gallons in 1939.

In 1939 there was, of course, restricted supply for 17 hours daily and this restriction was re-introduced as from Dec. 5 last year, on both the Island and the mainland.

ON THE MAINLAND

On the mainland, the storage of water on Jan. 1, 1941, was 1,960.23 million gallons, against 2,688.46 million gallons on Jan. 1, 1940.

The estimated population was 770,000 in 1940 against 890,000 in 1939 and yet consumption showed an increase, the figure for 1940 being 14.3 gallons per head daily,

against 11.3 gallons per head in 1939.

Consumption of unfiltered water also showed an increase, the figures being 14.38 million gallons in 1940, against 10.74 million gallons in 1939.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

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Hong Kong, 10th January, 1941.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 63 and the minimum 59 compared with 65 and 60 on Sunday.

Total rainfall since January 1, is 0.39 inches against an average of 0.32.

Royal Observatory report states: The anticyclone is unchanged over China and the neighbouring seas and the depression remains to the south east of Hokkaido.

Wong Muk-kwai, 38, mistress of a Class II boat, and 17 other defendants were fined \$15 each by the Marine Magistrate, Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday, when they pleaded guilty to having made fast to a boat flying the S Flag.

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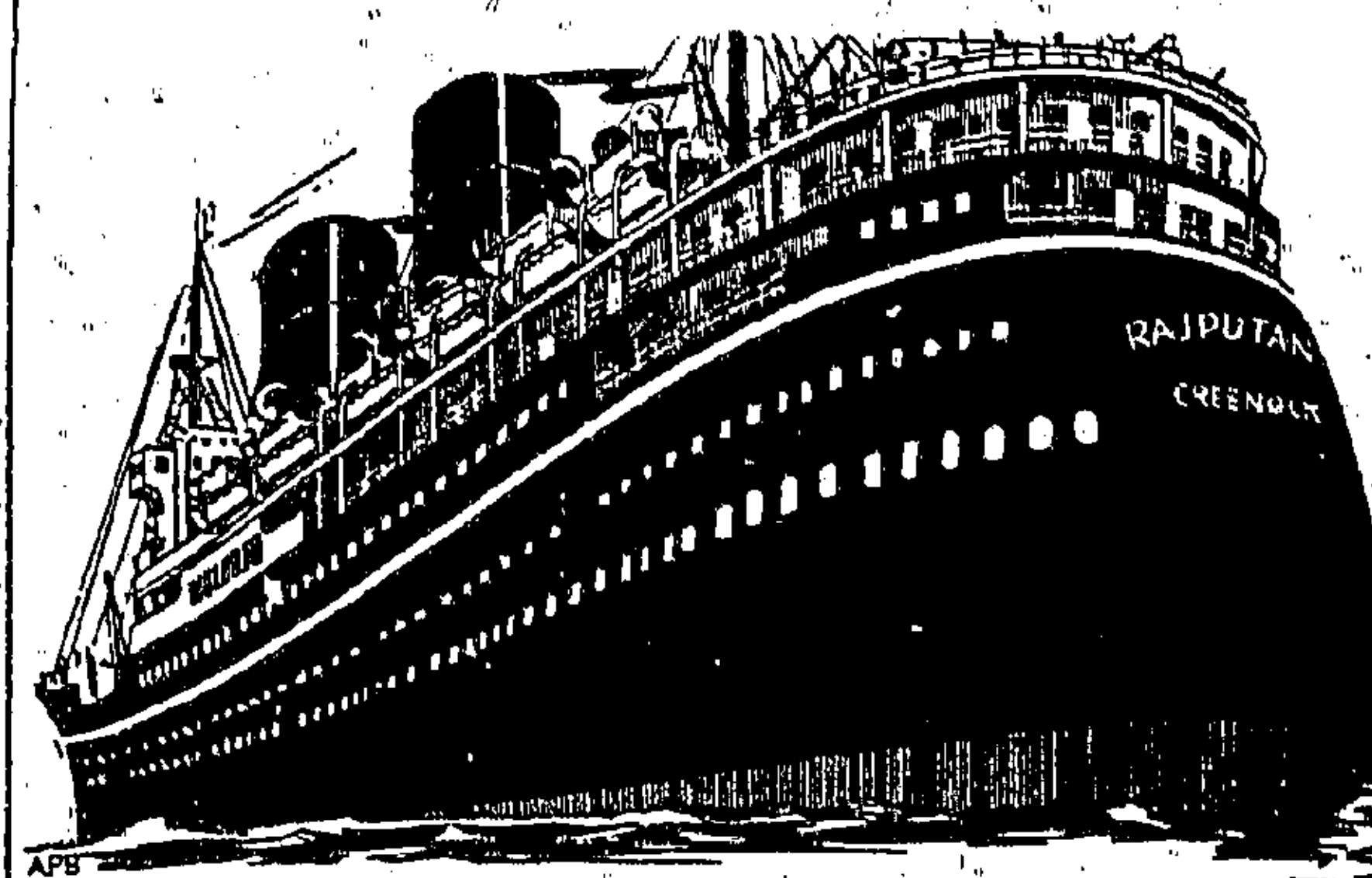
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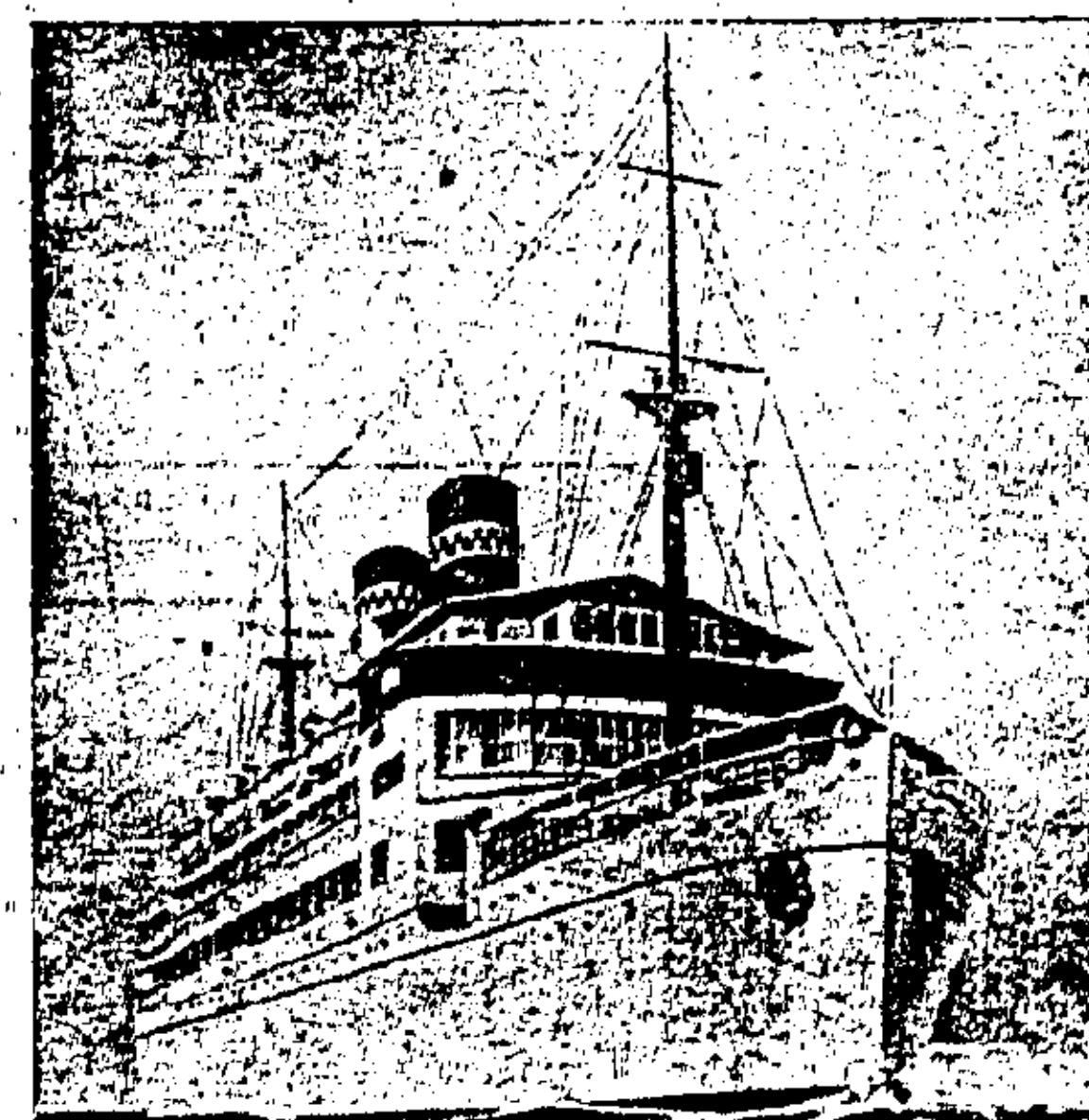
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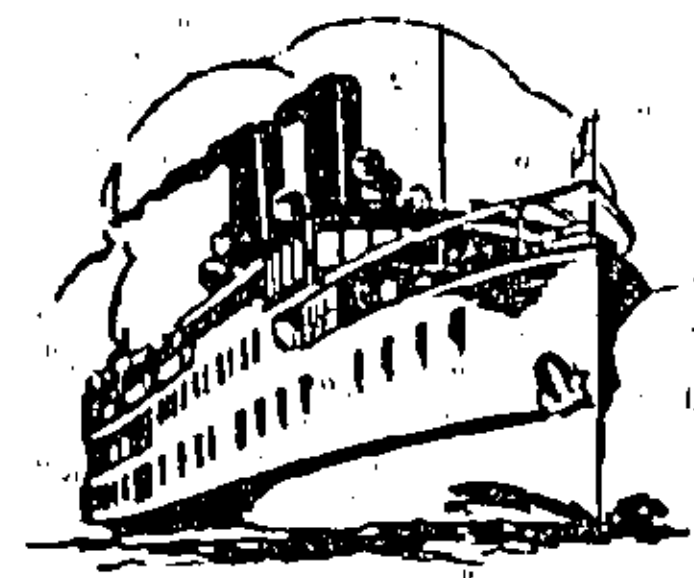
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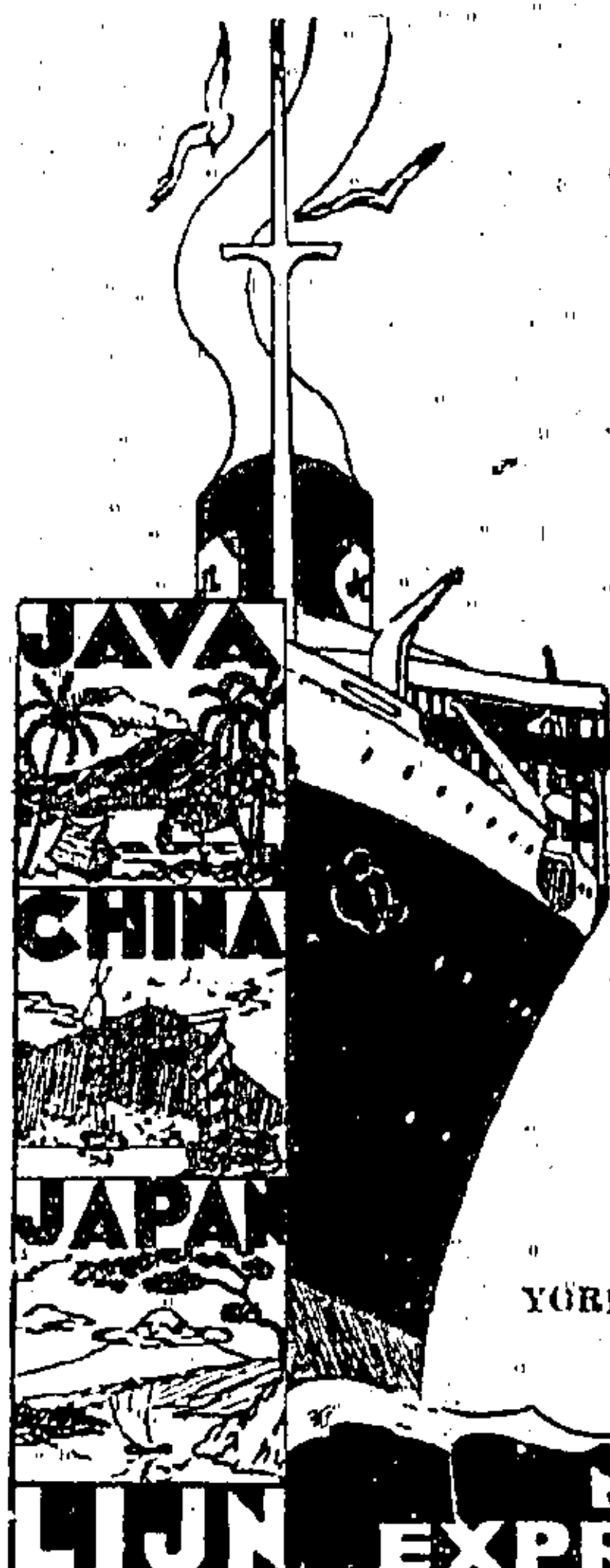
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GERMAN WOMEN DECOYS

Goebbels, Nazi propaganda chief, has given instructions for a large contingent of German film stars—men and women—to go on to Hollywood.

Their object is:

(1) To capture as many as possible of the big salaries, so that foreign exchange may be available with which Germany can make overseas purchases.

(2) To obtain the star parts in as many pictures as possible, and win admiration for German artists—thus indirectly for the German nation—in neutral and other countries.

(3) To organise a strong Nazi movement inside Hollywood, and enable the women artists to exercise their charm throughout the United States in order to win as many prominent men as possible over to the German cause.

MOST BEAUTIFUL

Some of the most beautiful of the German women stars are going on this voyage. All are convinced Nazis, many intimate associates of Goebbels himself.

He is fully aware of their capacity for intrigue, and has given them elaborate details of the way in which they are to carry out their plan in America and of the names of the political, commercial and industrial leaders at whom they are to "set their caps."

They have been told to employ two methods of strategy.

First, by making themselves as pleasant as possible to their victims, to try to win them over to a pro-German point of view and to try and win them to cease using their factories or political influence to assist Britain.

Second, if this method fails, to compromise the men so completely that in order to "escape" exposure and social ruin they will fall in with whatever political and industrial proposals are made to them.

NAZI-SOVIET AGREEMENTS PLAYED UP

COUNTER-BLAST TO U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuter)

German broadcasts are giving great prominence to the new agreements with Soviet Russia and of the three Germany seems to be most interested in the extending of the existing trade treaties.

These, they claim, will bring about a larger exchange of goods, and propaganda to the home front hints that they are being used as a counter-blast to the growing realisation inside Germany of what American help will mean to Britain.

The Voelkische Beobachter calls it the greatest economic pact ever concluded between States.

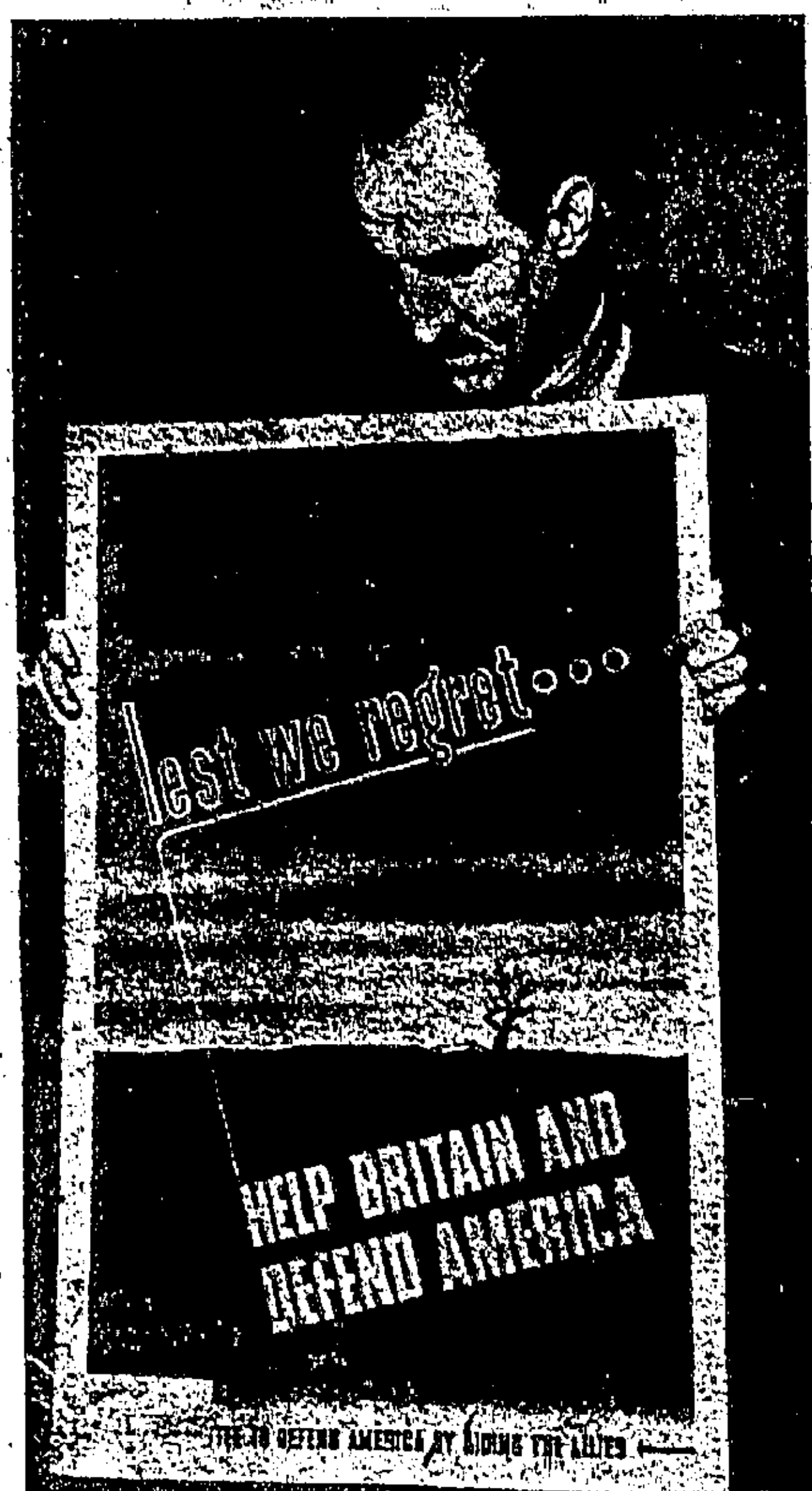
Soviet broadcasts devote more attention to the demarcation of the frontier between Germany and Russian-occupied Lithuania and to the exchange of German nationals in Baltic countries for Baltic nationals in Germany.

LONDON SCEPTICISM

There is little comment in London although many trade experts are sceptical about any expansion of Soviet-Nazi trade pointing out that the agreements in force are already believed to provide for larger exchanges than has been possible to carry out.

Germany primarily wants oil, followed by grain and raw materials, and the supplies she can get from Russia limited by Russia's own requirements and the serious difficulties in transport.

General Marshal Cornwall and Air Chief Marshal Emdhurst, of the Middle East Command, have arrived in Ankara yesterday for conversations with the Turkish General Staff, states a London message.



ARTHUR HAWKINS, JR., AND HIS PRIZE WINNING POSTER
This advertising placard, shown with its artist, was adjudged the best submitted in the "Stop Hitler" contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

IMPORTANT CANADIAN CONFERENCE

Scheme To Centralise Taxes And Debts

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, has called a conference for this month of Provincial and Federal Government officials that may result in changing the entire internal economy of Canada. The conference will be the most important since three quarters of a century ago, when the separate provinces were welded into one nation.

In a letter to the Premiers of the nine provinces, Mr. King invited them to meet here "to secure, if possible, the adoption of the Sirs Commission's recommendations."

The report of the Sirs Commission was tabled in the House of Commons last May. The report was written before the war started, but last winter the findings were reviewed in light of present circumstances and the Commission decided it was even more important to put into effect their recommendations as a war measure.

The present session of Parliament will adjourn during the month of January, and if the Dominion-Provincial conference agrees to adopting the recommendations of the Commission it will probably set to work at once after the conference has ended to legislate accordingly.

This legislation will likely include:

1. That all provincial debt, both direct and indirect obligations, be taken over by the Dominion.

2. That a national adjustment grant be paid to the provinces to assist them in balancing their budgets, this grant to be subject to readjustment

every five years;

3. That responsibility or the care of all unemployed persons able to work be taken over by the Dominion, instead of the present three-way split between the Dominion, the Provinces and the municipalities.

The Provincial Legislatures probably will be asked to surrender for all time their right to levy income tax, corporation taxes and succession duty taxes.

The need for co-ordination of Dominion-Provincial finances, a the main reason for the recommendations being pushed forward at this time.

Mr. King pointed out it was the Commission's task to determine how Canada's unique federal structure could be made to function smoothly and still retain the distinctiveness of its component parts. In its report, the Commission emphasized that its recommendations would lead to a real and desirable provincial autonomy, by assuring true financial independence.

GREATEST BLOCKADE IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

LONDON, Jan. 13 (British Wireless)—Britain is conducting with a fair degree of success the greatest blockade in the history of the world. This was the substance of a broadcast last night by Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Mr. Foot cited the gradually increasing pressure of the blockade as one reason why he expected a "fresh attempt to break out" by Hitler "in the fairly near future."

Second reason was the steady increase in the volume of American assistance to Britain.

Outlining two measures—compulsory navicerts and the ships warrants scheme—which Government had adopted to meet the situation arising from Germany's occupation of Western Europe, Mr. Foot stated that already four-fifths of ship's tonnage outside enemy countries was under British control or within the ships warrant scheme in which the many facilities under the British Control would be available only to ships which could show a ship's warrant issued by Britain.

Mr. Foot continued: "We have a

new and formidable weapon—air bombardment of industrial targets.

"In the last war our blockade stopped short at the frontiers of Germany. That is why I, for one, hope that we shall never waste time in indiscriminate bombardment."

"No doubt we might be justified in doing it by way of reprisal. But our purpose is to hit the enemy where it hurts him most."

"When bombs fall on synthetic oil plants such as Leuna or on a great railway centre like Hamm we are striking directly at Germany's capacity to carry on the war."

"It is a mistake to suppose that our well aimed blows at industrial objectives do not have a profoundly depressing effect upon the morale of the enemy."

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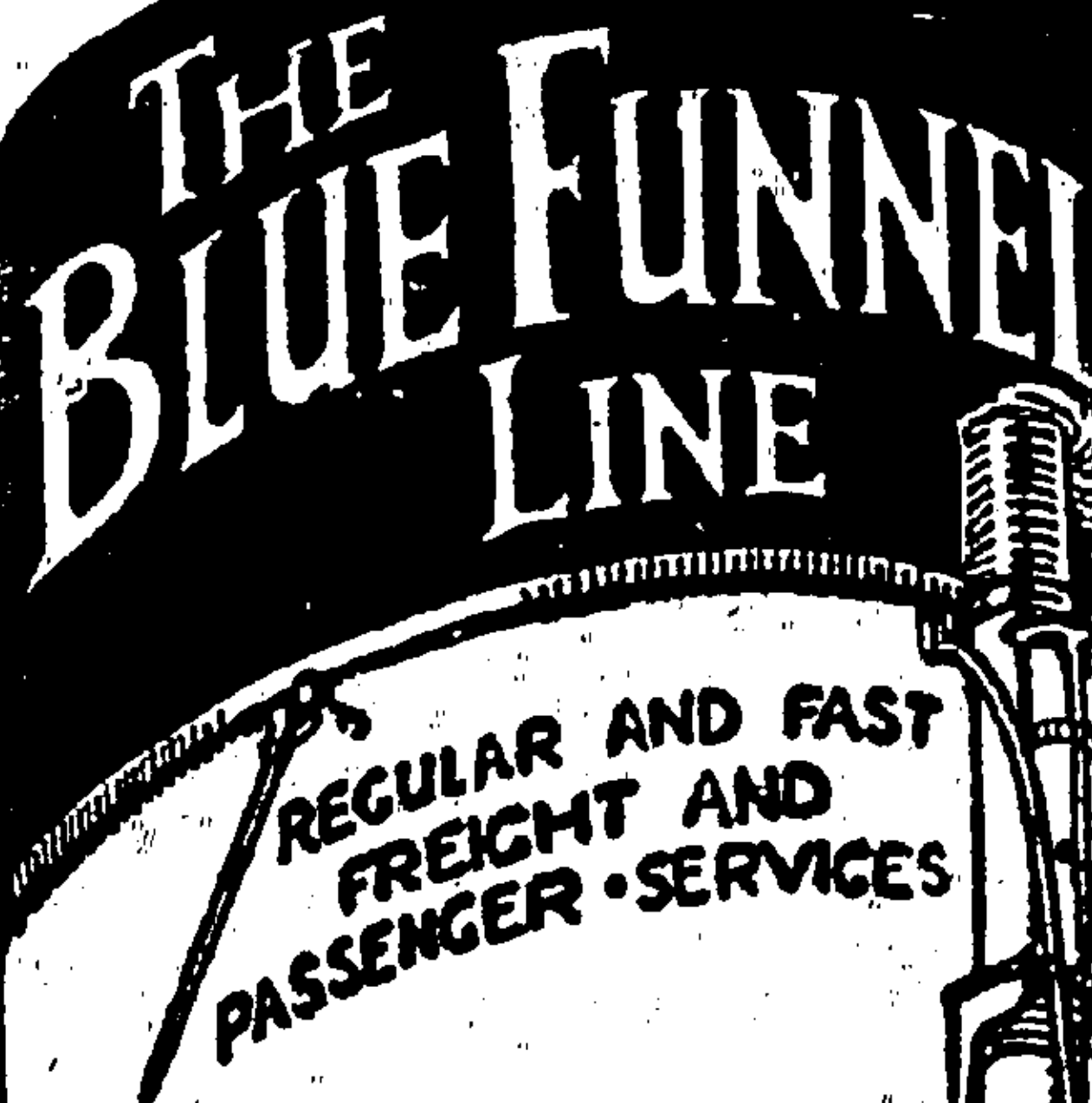
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